

“REAL FREEDOM”

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Sunday Morning Notes

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Key Verse:

“The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.”

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)

FIVE COMMITMENTS THAT WILL GIVE ME “REAL FREEDOM”

1. I COMMIT MY LIFE TO CHRIST

“...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9 (NLT)

2. I COMMIT TO BE A “MEMBER” OF GOD’S FAMILY

“(God) has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family.”

1 Peter 1:3 (LB)

“Be devoted to one another...”

Romans 12:10 (NIV)

3. I COMMIT TO BE A “MODEL” OF THE LIFE OF JESUS

“Let us go on...and become mature in our understanding, as strong Christians ought to be.”

Hebrews 6:1 (LB)

“Commit yourself to instruction; attune your ears to hear words of knowledge.”

Proverbs 23:12 (NLT)

“They (leaders) must be committed to the revealed truths of the Christian faith and must live with a clear conscience.”

1 Timothy 3:9 (NLT)

4. I COMMIT TO BE A “MINISTER” OF GOD’S GRACE

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.”

1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

(Jesus) “Your attitude must be like My own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve...”

Matthew 20:28 (LB)

5. I COMMIT TO BE A “MESSENGER” OF GOD’S LOVE

“For God was in Christ, restoring the world to Himself... This is the wonderful message He has given to us to tell others. We are Christ’s ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you...”

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (LB)

“...remember why He is waiting. He is giving us time to get His message of salvation out to others.”

2 Peter 3:15 (LB)

JESUS’ EXAMPLE OF COMMITMENT

“We aren’t saved from sin’s grasp by knowing the commandments of God, because we can’t and don’t keep them, but God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent His own Son in a human body like ours...and destroyed sin’s control over us by giving Himself as a sacrifice for our sins.”

Romans 8:3 (LB)

“He gave His life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us His very own people, totally committed to doing what is right.”

Titus 2:14 (NLT)

“When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask?”

Romans 12:1 (LB)

“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him to help you do it and He will.”

Psalms 37:5 (LB)