

Committed to Finish

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1 John 2:17 *He who does God's will*

1 Thousands of people make resolutions or a commitment as a New Year begins—deciding to complete something; to learn a skill; to read a book; to be more active; or to show more kindness and respect toward people. All too often, however, these commitments do not last long.

2 We may resolve to eat better; to exercise more; to learn a musical instrument, only to complete the first 2 or 3 lessons but never starting Book 4.

3 Our eating habits may improve the first week, but soon we revert back to our usual routine. We may decide to walk to the store more often, only to take the car the next rainy day.

4 These are certainly good commitments, and we would do well to finish whatever we decide to do—trusting God to help us be more committed to positive and worthwhile studies or activities.

5 NKJV **Galatians 4:18** “*It is good to be zealous in a good thing always.*” Only long-term commitments really accomplish anything worthwhile.

6 Whatever good thing we resolve to do, to learn or accomplish, God will enable us to continue with that commitment for our benefit and the benefit of others.

7 When it comes to *spiritual* interests and matters, being *committed to finish* is a *dominant* principle.

8 After his conversion on the Damascus Road **Acts 9:3**, the apostle was *committed* to proclaim the Truth God had given him—even though meeting with many difficult trials, tests, and persecutions—he was *committed to finish* the task.

9 Jesus had assigned an important mission to the apostle, but He also gave him the ability to complete it.

10 AV **Acts 9:6** “*Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*”

11 Even though we may be *committed* to finish with worthwhile endeavors, when it comes to spiritual concerns, our commitment to trust God in faith, through the Atonement of Christ as inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the most *important* commitment we will ever make.

12 This must *always* be a *long-term commitment*.

13 Many say they are committed to the Christian faith, but real *faith* in God that really *changes* the heart, is actively trusting on the divine power of God for all issues we face in life.

14 True faith in God is a more *vital issue* today than ever—as we approach the return of Christ.

15 True *faith* in God is *uncommon*—even though only through being *committed to believe* God and to *trust* in faith on the atoning sacrifice of His Son, will *anyone* enter Paradise.

16 *Committed to finish* in faith is an eternal-life issue *not* to be taken lightly.

17 Conversion of the heart is the central issue! AV **Acts 3:19** “*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.*”

18 Real *faith* in God will bring about real *change* of our heart *inside*.

19 Our commitment to put our faith in God may bring about real *hostility* and *hatred* from *outside*.

20 NKJV **Matthew 10:22** “*You will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.*”

21 Jesus *paid* our sin debt and *enabled* the removal of rebellion—if we *want* it removed.

22 We *can* be and *must* be *free* from past sins by putting our trust in God for—protection, provisions, justice, forgiveness, health, healing, and Heaven.

23 Being *committed* to finish the Christian race by keeping our faith in the Atonement of Jesus encompasses every aspect of life.

24 AV **Philippians 4:6** “*In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God*”—

25 Then **4:19** “*My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*”

26 *Protection* is *promised* when we trust God in faith by the power of the Spirit. We are protected under the Blood of Christ—

27 NKJV **Psalms 91:7** “*A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.*”

28 Eternal living in the next life is by God's *grace* through a believing *faith* in Him.

29 AV **Matthew 19:29** “*Every one that hath forsaken [anything or anyone] for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*”

30 Our commitment to keep our *faith* in Jesus means *admitting* our wrong *attitudes*, *confessing* our rebellious *sins*, and *correcting mistakes* that God reveals to us.

31 Being committed to finish life's race with our trust still on God produces *spiritual* growth—which is a *must* issue.

32 God wants us to be *prepared* for Heaven and He wants to *forgive* us—but we have to *repent* and *forgive* others first.

33 NKJV John 3:16 “*God so loved the world that He gave His [best] His only begotten Son.*”

34 We are committed to finish *strong in faith*, as God enables us to *stay committed*, because He will show us wrong *attitudes* or unscriptural *decisions*.

35 If He *does* show us, we must *repent* of the wrong decision or unscriptural attitude and turn *back* to Him.

36 Our next step is to admit our wrong choices and trust God to enable us to *correct* mistakes.

37 The prophet told him NKJV 1 Samuel 15:23 “*Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.*”

38 Being committed to *trust* God in faith means being committed to *correct* mistakes we have made; it means to *confess* them when being shown; it means *forsaking* wrong attitudes and asking God to replace them with *right* attitudes.

39 Everyone has the *privilege* to ask for the *gift* of the Holy Spirit—Who *inspires* faith to believe in Jesus.

40 AV Psalm 51:10 “*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*”

41 If our conscience is *defiled* through *resentment*; a wrong *choice*; a rebellious *attitude*, or an unscriptural *decision*, we need to *repent* and ask to be forgiven.

42 We must *change* our wrong attitudes *now* while we still have time.

43 As we remain *committed to finish* this race in faith—we keep trusting God by faith through His Spirit to *deliver* us from any *stubborn* or unscriptural attitude.

44 AV Psalm 51:11 “*Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.*”

45 The Blood of Christ *erases* our sins when we *confess* them. God’s power is able to *heal* us without drugs; to *protect* us without guns; to *provide* needs without Welfare; and to give *salvation* as we remain committed to trust Jesus to the very end.

46 It is possible to *fall away* from faith and no longer *trust* God, so we must maintain a commitment to trust Him through every trial.

47 AV Mark 9:50 “*Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it?*”

48 Our purpose on earth is to *glorify God*—everything we have is on *loan* from Him. While we *wait* for His return, we *trust* Him in faith for every day issues—making *changes* when they are revealed and staying in His will—“*He who does God’s will continues for ever*” 1 John 2:17 WEY.

49 Real *faith* actively *trusts* God for the ability to *stay* with our commitment to live a godly life in Christ.

50 Banks give a few percent interest, but God promises 10,000% interest—if we will *give Him* our earthly treasures.

51 Most people will *not* give their money to God by giving it to *charity*, because they do not *believe* He will *bless* them as He promises!

52 AV Matthew 6:19 “*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth—20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.*”

53 The Bible calls a person a *fool* who builds bigger barns to store more things. Luke 12:20 “*Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?*”

54 Many have trouble accepting God’s financial plan, but AV 1 John 5:20 explains “*We know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ.*”

55 *This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Keep yourselves from idols. Amen.*”

56 God promises to *heal*, *provide*, *protect*, *avenge*, and *save*—if we will *believe* Him and then *trust* Him to *change* our rebellious heart.

57 Faith in Him includes *asking* Him for wisdom; *trusting* Him for healing Acts 3:16; *depending* on Him for protection Psalm 91; and *believing* Him in faith for supplies everyday Philippians 4:19.

58 This *life* is a *test* James 1:12, and we are to *pass* the tests by *faith* in Jesus—*this* is being *Committed to Finish* life’s journey.

59 *Trials* reveal *idols* and if there *are* any in our heart, we must *know* it and *correct* it. NKJV Jeremiah 17:10 “*I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind.*”

60 If we are committed to trust God for the long haul, we are promised AV 1 John 5:12-13 “*He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*”

61 *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*”

62 Real *faith* in God will really *change* the heart of the believer—being *committed to finish* with our faith in God intact—is the key to Paradise!



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