

Introduction

1. We must be committed to God as He demands our all ([Mk. 12:28-31](#)).
2. We must be committed to the church ([Mt. 6:33](#)).
3. We must be committed to our fellow man ([Mt. 7:12](#)).
4. Commitment is defined as “an agreement or pledge to do something in the future” or “the state or an instance of being obligated or emotionally impelled [to urge or drive forward; impart motion to]” (Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary).
5. A pledge to keep ([Mk. 16:15-16](#); cf. [Mt. 28:18-20](#); [Lk. 24:46-47](#)).
 - a. A pledge that was kept ([Col. 1:23](#)).
 - b. The gospel means “good news” so to share the good news is the idea of evangelism ([Mk. 1:1](#)).
 - c. It is a tragedy if we neglect the pledge ([Jdg. 2:10-13](#); [2 Th. 1:7-9](#)).
6. It is obedience to the gospel that saves souls ([1 Cor. 15:1-8](#); cf. [Jm. 1:21](#)).
 - a. We plant and water, but God gives the increase ([1 Cor. 3:5-7](#)).
 - b. We must preach the Word of God ([Rm. 10:13-16](#); [1 Cor. 1:21-24](#)).
 - i. The gospel is God’s power to save ([Rm. 1:16-17](#)).

I. Urgency is Needed

1. Time is short and eternity is long.
 - a. Teach us to number our days ([Ps. 90:7-12](#)).
 - b. Our life is a vapor ([Jm. 4:14](#)).
 - i. The wicked have fewer years ([Pr. 10:27](#); cf. [Pr. 27:1](#)).
2. The message is urgent.
 - a. **Now** is the day of salvation ([2 Cor. 6:2](#)).
 - b. Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men ([2 Cor. 5:10-11](#)).
3. Jesus was urgent in His mission to seek and to save the lost ([Lk. 19:10](#)).
 - a. He preached the gospel everywhere He went ([Mk. 1:14-15](#), [35-39](#)).
 - b. He even went to difficult places to get the gospel out ([Jn. 4:4](#), [9](#); cf. [Lk. 9:51-53](#)).
4. Paul was urgent in preaching the gospel ([Ac. 9:17-22](#)).
 - a. When Paul received the “Macedonian call” he did not delay ([Ac. 16:6-10](#)).

II. Opposition Must Not Deter Us From Our Mission

1. Not everyone will accept the gospel ([Ac. 28:23-24](#)).
 - a. Let us not be weary in well doing ([Gal. 6:9](#)).
2. The church grew when opposed.
 - a. Saul persecuted the church, but they continued to preach ([Ac. 8:3-4](#)).
3. Paul published the Word of the Lord wherever he went ([Ac. 13:49](#)).
 - a. Persecution came but he kept going ([Ac. 13:50-51](#)).
 - b. The appropriate reaction to persecution for Christ is joy ([Ac. 13:52](#)).
 - c. Souls were saved in the very next city ([Ac. 14:1](#)).
 - d. Later, Paul was stoned but kept going and exhorted others to do the same ([Ac. 14:19-22](#)).

III. Our Repeated Practice

1. Paul's manner (custom; repeated practice) was to preach ([Ac. 17:1-4](#)).
 - a. A daily task ([Lk. 9:23](#), [19:47](#); [Ac. 17:11](#)).
2. Some requirements for evangelism to be our repeated practice.
 - a. Complacency must be removed ([Ac. 17:16-17](#)).
 - b. Boldness and adaptability ([Ac. 19:8-10](#)).
 - c. No fear and persistence ([Mt. 19:13-14](#)).
3. The proper attitude makes a big difference.
 - a. We must preach the gospel ([Ac. 4:18-20](#)).
 - b. We are debtors to preach the gospel to others ([Rm. 1:14-15](#)).
4. An individual challenge.
 - a. Pass out at least three invitations to our upcoming lectureship.

Conclusion

1. I must make sure my own soul is saved ([Php. 2:12](#); [Ac. 2:40](#); cf. [Ac. 2:38](#) "every one of you").
2. A single soul is worth more than all the world therefore we must urgently get the gospel to the lost ([Rm. 3:23](#), [6:23](#); [Mt. 16:26](#)).
3. When persecution comes due to evangelism we keep going and growing.
4. Evangelism must become our repeated practice.
5. Let us be committed to the church in the area of evangelism so we can help others hear "well done" ([Mt. 25:21](#)).