
Prepared to Serve: Committed to Serve

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“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap,
if we do not give up.” *Galatians 6:9, ESV*

NHCC Purpose:

Love God – Love Others – Serve Our World

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind...” “A
second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:37,39, NLT

“... As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” *John 20:21, NLT*

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a
ransom for many.” *Mark 10:45, NLT*

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations...” *Matthew 28:19, NLT*

If I Am Committed to Jesus, I Am Committed to A Way of Life!

“I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves
are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who
sends the message. Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.”

John 13:15–17, NLT

Without Commitment, Nothing Happens

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with you might...” *Ecclesiastes 9:10, ESV*

I Am Either Going to Be Committed to Jesus or
Committed to My Preferred Lifestyle

To Serve with This Kind of Fervency and Capacity...

1. Something Has to Give
2. Jesus Must Be Fused into Every Area of My Life

Being A Christian Means I Look for Opportunities to Serve!

Why?

1. Because of The Command

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.” *Colossians 3:23–24, NLT*

Serving Jesus And Others Is Not Something We Schedule
When It's Convenient or Just Do on Sundays

He Is No Fool Who Gives What He Cannot Keep to
Gain What He Cannot Lose

2. Because of His Grace

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” *Ephesians 2:8–9, NLT*

I Owe God Everything

3. Because Serving God and Others Should Not Be Grievous

“... Whoever serves, [let it be] as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ...” **1 Peter 4:11, ESV**

Being Committed to Serve Is the Out Growth
of Living in The Power of The Spirit

4. Because of the Joy

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” **Hebrews 12:1–2, ESV**

“I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.” **Philippians 3:14, NLT**

Serving Jesus Will Change Your Life