

# **A Look at Practical Commitment**

## **Acts 2:42-47**

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Commitment is an interesting concept, filled with challenge, but commonly more discussed than practiced, more admired than embraced. Nevertheless, regardless of the gap regularly existing between the idea of commitment and its practice, God insists on practice. What does practice look like?

### **The Look of Commitment**

- Brotherhood when in a crisis (Acts 2:42-47)
- Steadfastness under fire (II Cor. 11:23-29)
- Loyalty in difficult circumstances (Josh. 24:14-15)

### **Additional Commitment Considerations**

- Commitment to truth (Jn. 17:17; I Jn. 1:7)
- Commitment to ongoing self-examination (II Cor. 13:5)
- Commitment to ongoing growth (Heb. 5:12-14; Rom. 12:1-2)
- Commitment to reaching out to others (I Pet. 2:9; 3:15)

Commitment arrests our best intentions and points us toward heaven. Selfish, self-serving postures only bind us to lesser things and ultimately disappoint and drag us down. Commitment is, however, not dismissing its elevated status, a thing of everyday practicality. It is about doing the things God wants us to do with dignity, courage, resolve, and love. Without commitment, there will be no advance of either Christianity as a religion or Christ-likeness as a way of life. The choice is ours.