

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – March 13-17
Doing Life Together – Rock Church – I'm Committed

MONDAY: Matthew 7:7, John 15:5, Romans 1:23

KEY VERSE: John 15:15-17

OBSERVATION Several words are utilized to express commitment. First, commitment communicates the entrusting of something valuable to another person [Gk tithemi— to commit, commend, assign; paradidomi— to give over, commit]. Second, commitment additionally includes the responsibility to practice specific activities [Gk poieo— to do, cause, commit; prasso— to do, practice, commit]. God has entrusted or committed a valuable deposit unto each believer that is to be guarded and protected, that is to be faithfully proclaimed, followed, or exercised, and that in turn is to be committed to others. Each believer is responsible to respond to God's call by committing their heart, mind, body, and life to serve Him, to share the Gospel, and to be His ambassadors in this world.

TUESDAY: Matthew 7:24, Jonah 2:6, Hebrews 10:25

KEY VERSE: Matthew 16:18

OBSERVATION: Have you heard the statement, "Well, I don't need to go to church to be a Christian." Technicality, that may be true, but it is certainly far-removed from God's true plan. Jesus said, "On this rock [Peter's statement that Jesus was the Messiah and Son of God] I will build my church, and the gates of Hell shall not be able to stand against it" (Matthew 16:18). You see, the church is Jesus' idea, not man's idea. It seems like we should pay attention to His plan since it came directly from Him.

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 10:24, Hebrews 13:22

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 3:13

OBSERVATION: Paul said it like this: "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." (Hebrews 3:13 NIV) We need the support of other believers if we are truly going to grow in Christ.

THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:12, Ephesians 5:6, 1 Timothy 6:20

KEY VERSE: Colossians 2:8

OBSERVATION: Do you realize how many ungodly teachers are speaking into your life every week? Internet. News media. Hollywood. Music. Co-workers. Friends and family. The list seems never ending. With so many messages streaming into your life every week that can "kidnap" you and take you away from God, it is extremely critical that you spend as much time in church as possible to fill your mind with godly wisdom and discernment. Soak in all you can whenever you can!

FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 3:19, 2 Corinthians 4:2, James 1:6

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 4:14

OBSERVATION: As Paul discusses serving in this chapter, I find it interesting that he threw in the comment in Ephesians 4:14 in which he says, "... that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting...." In other words, when we use our spiritual gifts by serving within the local church community, we somehow become better-grounded theologically.

SATURDAY: Luke 14:15-24

KEY VERSE: Luke 14:24

OBSERVATION: Interest does not always develop into commitment. There are many browsers but not so many purchasers. Ideas and ideals are fun to talk about, but when it comes down to it in the end, there are only a few that get serious. What does commitment mean? Commitment means allowing Jesus' teaching to shape one's life. Take your hands off the clay.