

# COMMITTED TO CHRIST

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

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Introduction:

1. Commitment has lost some of its meaning over the years. I.e. contracts are broken, marriages dissolved.
2. Christians are to be committed to Christ for life.

Proposition: Our commitment to Christ will be challenged.

Interrogative: What commitment challenges are we faced with?

Transition: Our commitment to Christ will be challenged by...

## **I. TIMES OF YOUTH**

### **A. YOUTH SEEMS TO LAST FOREVER**

1. E.g. one's first twenty years compared to the next twenty.
2. Life is short; time is fleeting –Ja 4:14, Ep 5:16

### **B. REMEMBERING GOD WHILE WE ARE YOUNG**

1. Remember your Creator –Ec 12:1
2. Parents are to teach their children to know and love God
  - a. Fathers –Ep 6:4
  - b. The danger is being one generation away from apostasy –Ju 2:10

## **II. TIMES OF TRIBULATION**

### **A. TRYING TIMES WILL TEST THE SOUL**

1. It will draw some closer to God – E.g. World Trade Center
2. It will cause some to rebel – i.e. some blame God for tragedy

### **B. EXAMPLE OF PAUL**

1. Paul was committed to Christ first. This is why he endured -2Co 11:22-33
2. How can we be as committed? –First commit to Christ –Ph 1:21

## **III. TIMES OF CHOICE**

### **A. JOSEPH IN EGYPT –Ge 39:8-9**

1. He had temptation to stray
2. He resisted because he was committed to God first

### **B. WE CAN RESIST TEMPTATION**

1. When we are fully committed to Christ –Mk 8:34-38
2. The old man of sin is dead; the new is alive unto God –Ro 6:11

Conclusion:

1. God holds no one against their will.
2. We must choose to follow Him and stay the course if heaven is to be ours.