

LESSON SIXTEEN—COMMITMENT

Matthew 7:21–27

OPEN IT:

Other than to Christ and the Church, what is the biggest commitment you’ve ever made?

Did you follow through on it?

DIG INTO IT:

1. Read Matthew 7:21–23 and answer the following questions:

a) Explain in your own words what it means to accept Jesus as “Lord”?

b) Why will Jesus reject those referred to in this passage who address Him as “Lord, Lord”?
According to this passage does everyone who addresses Him in this way get rejected?
Explain:

c) Does the ability to perform miraculous acts demonstrate an acceptance of Jesus as Lord? Why or why not?

2. Read Matthew 7:24–27 and answer the following questions:

a) What is the difference between the “wise man” in this passage and those who address Jesus as “Lord, Lord” in the verses prior (vv. 21–23)?

b) How much value does Jesus place on us putting His words “into practice”?

c) Explain the difference between addressing Jesus as “Lord, Lord” and truly living as if He is “Lord”?

d) How can we know for sure what Jesus will say to each of us on the Day of Judgment?

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REFLECT ON IT:

1. Do you consider yourself a wise or a foolish builder? Why?
2. What is the hardest part of keeping a commitment to Christ as Lord? The easiest?
3. How does having Christ as your foundation keep your spiritual house from collapsing even when your life experiences are negative ones?
4. Is there anything in your life that is keeping you from being fully committed to Christ that you can share with the group?
5. If you died today and Jesus asked you, “Why should I let you into heaven?” what would you say in response?
6. How can we pray for you today?

PRAY ABOUT IT:

“Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helplessness, but the feeling of it; not figures of speech, but earnestness of soul.” ~ Hannah More

Barry L. Davis, *Instant Bible Studies for Small Groups* (Barry Davis, 2013).