

A PERSONAL COMMITMENT GUIDE

Your commitment should be the result of a meaningful, spiritual journey. This personal commitment guide will help you take your first steps. Having prayed through the daily devotional, use this guide to discover God's will. This guide will help you make a "commitment of significance" where faith and sacrifice are evident.

DELIBERATE WITH GOD

Prayerfully seek God's guidance. Ask God to shape your decisions. Be willing to step into the decision that God leads you to make.

DISCOVER GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CENTRAL AND GOD'S WILL FOR YOU

As you read the vision materials, ask God to reveal the fruit of Central's ministry to your heart. How could God work through you to make a difference in ministry?

DISCUSS WITH OTHERS WHAT YOU'RE LEARNING

Include your family in your discovery and decision-making process. Converse with them. Be willing to learn from the experience and example of others.

DEFINE A SENSE OF SACRIFICE IN YOUR LIFE

What decisions and priorities could you make in your life to further invest yourself in Christ's mission through Central? How can you give in ways that make a difference to you?

DETERMINE YOUR POTENTIAL FOR GIVING

Think outside the income-stream box. Sacrificial giving may include new strategies for giving. Inventory your blessings and your potential for increased giving.

DECIDE ON A PERSONAL GIVING PLAN

There are multiple methods for giving in a stewardship journey. Sacrificial giving might include any combination of weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual, one-time and/or asset transfer gifts. Put together your own personal giving plan for the next three years to help you follow through with your commitment.

"And do not forget to do good and to **share** with others, for with such **sacrifices** God is pleased."

HEBREWS 13:16 NIV

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DISCOVERING A COMMITMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

BUDGET WHAT YOU CAN

- Determine what is presently available
- What could I afford to give right now?

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BUILD MORE INCOME

- Look for more ways to earn more income
- Dedicate new income to your commitment
- Consider future raises to be part of your commitment

AMOUNT AVAILABLE

BANK YOUR ASSETS WITH GOD

- Turn over assets of value
- Commit increases of assets to God
- Invest in God's trustworthiness

AMOUNT AVAILABLE

BELIEVE GOD FOR WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE

- Trust God will supply all that you need and more
- Believe that God will create new opportunities
- Look for new opportunities

AMOUNT AVAILABLE

BUILD A NEW LIFESTYLE

- Give up some comfort or leisure
- Give up some habits or traditions
- Change the way you spend
(Example: Reduced vacation, cable TV, gifts)

AMOUNT AVAILABLE

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be **generous** and **willing to share**. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19 NIV

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