



“Don’t leave your first love!” (Revelation 2:4)

A Study of the Book of Ephesians

Lesson Eleven = THE COMMITMENT TO CHRIST (Ephesians 6:1-9)

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Introduction: In **Revelation 2:1-7** we read a letter from Jesus to the church at Ephesus. In that letter, Jesus condemns the Ephesians because they left their first love. On Sunday mornings we are noticing the words of Paul in the letter he wrote Ephesians, several years before that condemnation by Christ. We have noted that if the Ephesian Christians had just listened to the apostle Paul they would have avoided that terrible fate. Paul tried to show them how much the Lord loves us and why we should fall in love with Him. In our time together today we are going to consider the commitment we have to Christ. From a biblical framework, we can argue that commitment is a positive thing. We should fall in love with Jesus because He allows us to be committed to Him. Consider all of the benefits! Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. Our Commitment to Christ Impacts the Home (Ephesians 6:1-4)

- A. Children should be committed to their parents.
- B. Parents should be committed to their children.
- C. Families should be committed to each other.

II. Our Commitment to Christ Impacts the Workplace (Ephesians 6:5-9)

- A. Workers should be committed to their work.
- B. Masters should be committed to their workers.
- C. Everyone should be committed to their eternity.

III. Our Commitment to Christ Impacts the World (Ephesians 6:8-9)

- A. The world needs to see godly people.
- B. The world needs to see godly principles.
- C. The world needs to see godly churches.

Conclusion: Jesus reveals through the parables that we may not be rewarded, recognized, promoted, or compensated for the work we do on earth, but it’s not payday yet! The Lord will compensate us at the Judgment Seat. What will the Lord say to you on Judgment day? Will you be given a great reward? If you are a wicked and lazy servant, there is another kind of fate that awaits you. The choice is yours. You can choose your own destiny! You can alter your own fate! You can make a decision today that will impact your life here and the life that is yet to come. Choose wisely. Make the right kind of commitment.