

# “Completely Committed”

## Matt. 19:16-22

### Introduction

- I. **Illustration:** *In the 1976 Summer Olympics, Shun Fujimoto competed in the team gymnastics competition for Japan. In a quest for the gold medal, Fujimoto suffered a broken right knee in the floor exercise. But this injury did not stop him, for during the next week he competed in his strongest event, the rings. His routine was excellent, but he astounded everyone by squarely dismounting with a triple somersault twist on a broken right knee. When asked concerning his feat, he said, “Yes, the pain shot through me like a knife. It brought tears to my eyes. But now I have the gold medal and the pain is gone.”* (cf. Rom. 12:11).
- II. **Illustration:** *A hen and a pig came upon a church building and read the advertised sermon on the billboard out front, which read, “What can we do to help the poor?” Immediately the hen suggested they feed them bacon and eggs. The pig thought for a moment and said, “There is one thing wrong with feeding bacon and eggs to the poor. For you it only requires a contribution, but for me it requires total commitment!”* (cf. Rom. 8:18).
- III. What is commitment?
  - A. A pledge to fulfill, an obligation, to obligate ourselves to a cause.
  - B. Synonyms: responsibility, promise, pledge, vow, resolution, determination

### Discussion

- I. “The rich young ruler” was unwilling to be committed totally to the Lord (Matt. 19:16-22).
  - A. Our commitment must be absolute (Matt. 10:34-39).
  - B. God does not want us to just be “lukewarm” (Rev. 3:14-16).
- II. My commitment depends on no one but me (Deut. 24:16; Job 19:4; Prov. 9:12; Jer. 31:30; Ezek. 18:20).
- III. Inexcusable excuses will not work.
  - A. Consider Moses (Exo. 3:11, 13; 4:10).
  - B. Consider Jeremiah (Jer. 1:6-7).
  - C. Consider Gideon (Jud. 6:15).
  - D. Consider the slothful (Prov. 22:13).
  - E. Consider the one talent man (Matt. 25:24-30).
  - F. Consider those that do not see the need (Matt. 25:44-45).
  - G. Consider the ones that are more committed to earthly things (Luke 14:18-20).
- IV. Things to which I am to be committed.
  - A. God (Matt. 22:37-38; John 14:15; Matt. 6:33).
  - B. Truth (Jer. 6:16-17; Jude 3; 1 John 4:1; Titus 2:1).
  - C. My brethren (Matt. 7:12; 22:39).
  - D. Our families (Eph. 5:22-25; 6:4).
  - E. Purity and holiness (Phil. 4:8; James 1:27; Matt. 5:8).

Conclusion: Are we truly committed to the things that we should be?