

INTERESTED OR COMMITTED TO WALK WITH GOD? Zanga Schutte, June 23, 2024

Psalm 37:3-6 NIV ³ Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴ Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: ⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

Notes: Many of us are interested in having a walk with the Lord. We are interested in God's blessing, answered prayer, seeing the hand of God move in miraculous ways. We read books on prayer and people of great faith and become inspired by them. Yet, we never move from interested to committed. -In order to, have God's blessings, experiencing answered prayer, and seeing the hand of God move in miraculous ways; we need to make the move from just having an interest in the things of God, to committing ourself to them. To commit our way to the Lord is to build our life upon the values of his Kingdom. It is to bring our time, talents, and treasures into full alignment with his will and purpose. And as the Psalmist reminds us, committing our way to the Lord is an act of trust.

Examples of Committed vs. Interested To Walk With God...

1. **When we are committed**, we find a way. **-When we are interested**, we find an excuse.
2. **When we are committed**, we do whatever it takes. **-When we are interested**, we do what is convenient
3. **When we are committed**, we do it consistently. **-When we are interested**, we do it occasionally.
4. **When we are committed**, we are accountable. **-When we are interested**, we cast blame.

We need to Ask ourselves, are we truly **committed or merely just interested To Walk with God...**

Commitment:

-To commit our way to the Lord is to build our life upon the values of his Kingdom. It is to bring our time, talents, and treasures into full alignment with his will and purpose. And as the Psalmist reminds us, committing our way to the Lord is an act of trust.

"Committed To Walk With God"

1. **We find a Way** **John 14:6 NIV** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Notes: -As the *Way*, Jesus is our path to the Father. He provides clear direction to God. -As the *Truth*, he is the reality of all God's promises. He provides certainty to people whose lives seem confused and unstable.

-As the *Life*, he joins his divine life to ours, both now and eternally. Jesus offers full and complete satisfaction to those who follow him. -He is, in truth, the only living way to the Father. -Jesus is the visible, tangible image of the invisible God. He is the complete revelation of what God is like. Jesus explained to Philip, who wanted to see the Father, that to know Jesus is to know God. The search for God, for truth, and for reality, ends in Jesus Christ.

2. **We do whatever it takes** **Luke 9:23-24 NIV** ²³ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Notes: Being his disciple means putting aside selfish desires, picking up one's "cross," and following him. It requires our recommitment to serve him each day. It is simple yet demanding. -Do we think of our relationship with God primarily in terms of what's in it for me, us or in terms of what we can do for him? Are we willing to deny ourself, take up our cross daily, and follow him? Anything less is not discipleship; it is merely superficial lip service.

3. **We do it Consistently** **Galatians 5:24-25 NIV** ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Notes: Walking with God means to be in harmony with Him as we journey through life. To be in harmony with God requires that we listen to His commandments, put our faith in Him, and work to follow His path for us.

4. **We are Accountable** **Hebrews 4:13 NIV** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Notes: Nothing can be hidden from God. He knows about everyone everywhere, and everything about us is wide open to his all-seeing eyes. -He sees all we do and knows all we think. -Even when we are unaware of his presence, he is with us. -When we try to hide from him, he sees us. -We can have no secrets from him. -But we can take comfort in the fact that although God knows us intimately, he still loves us.

Remember, Discipline and Commitment Never Fail. Let's make a commitment today to Walk with God, and stop having only an Interest of Him

Iesu No Ke Kahuhipa - Dorothy Thrupp & William Bradbury

Iesu no ke Kahuhipa	Saviour, like a shepherd lead us
Kahuhipa maika`i e	Much we need Thy tender care
Eia makou ka `ohana	In Thy pleasant pastures feed us
Ke ho`olohe a hahai	For our use Thy folds prepare
E aloha, e aloha	Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
Alaka`i a hanai mai	Thou has bought us, Thine we are
E aloha, e aloha	Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
Alaka`i a hanai mai	Thou has bought us, Thine we are

Ka`i malie `ia makou la	We are Thine, do Thou befriend us
Ma na kahawai maika`i	Be the guardian of our way
Ma na kula uliuli	Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us
Kahi malu e malu ai	Seek us when we go astray
E aloha, e aloha	Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
Kia`i a ho`omalumai	Hear, O hear us, when we pray
E aloha, e aloha	Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
Kia`i a ho`omalumai	Hear, O hear us, when we pray

Mai ho`oku`u i kou `ohana	Early let us seek Thy favor
`O `auwana io i`a ne`i	Early let us do Thy will
Ma na wahi ho`ohihia	Blessed Lord and only Saviour
Ma na waonahale e	With Thy love our bosoms fill
E aloha, e aloha	Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
Ho`opa`a makou pa maika`i	Thou has loved us, love us still
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