

# Commitment to God's Purposes

One of the keys to living a victorious Christian life is to remain committed to God's purposes throughout our sojourn here on earth. It takes hearts fully committed to His purposes to keep the oil of His Holy Spirit continually flowing into our lives.

Whatever our station in life is, God has called us according to His purpose and grace. Whether we are full-time ministers, workers in the marketplace, homemakers, construction workers, migrant workers, police, firefighters, librarians, students, blue-collar workers, or professionals, we are all called to work out His purpose in our lives.

**2 Timothy 1:9** *who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.*

Three of the principles and commands God gave in His word that help us to stay fully committed to His divine purposes on earth are as follows:

## Believing in the Promises of God

Just as Abraham believed in the promises of God, and it was accounted unto him as righteousness, so must we. Hearts fully committed to God and His purposes must believe He will perform on their behalf as He's promised. As seen below, when we believe God for His promises, it produces His glory working in us as vessels unto honor.

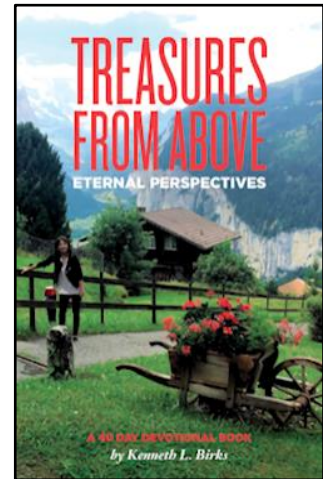
**2 Corinthians 1:20** *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*

When we believe in the promises of God and His ability to perform on our behalf, we can move forward with passion, enthusiasm, and zeal as we fulfill His word. We can engage the enemy, knowing we have total victory over him. We are fearless as we trample over him with all the power and authority Jesus gives us.

What are the promises of God you need to believe in for God to work on your behalf today? Spend some time today meditating on them as you go about your day.

Presenting Ourselves as Living Sacrifices. Presenting ourselves as sacrifices mean our overall lifestyle will be an example of dying to self daily by taking up the cross of Christ.

**Romans 12:1** *I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*



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What is on your path today that demands sacrifice? Be willing to embrace the cross of Christ, even though it may not be somewhat comfortable.

## Not Entangled with Worldly Affairs

Because we're in this world but not of it, we will be touched by worldly things in one degree or another. They become snares to us when they interfere with our passion and calling. When we become more enthusiastic about worldly pursuits than seeking God and His kingdom, we risk committing spiritual adultery. They then become idols and snares to us. If we lack passion for God and his kingdom, we should ask ourselves, "What has stolen our passion?"

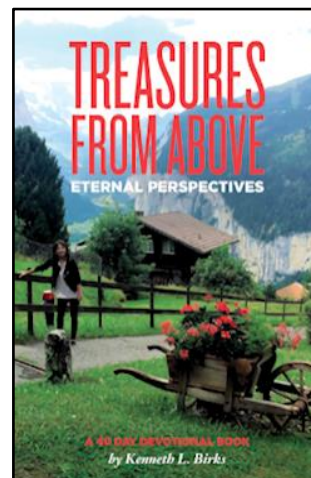
**2 Timothy 2:3-4** *You, therefore, must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.*

As people with a passion and desire to be a part of all God is doing, we can't afford to be tainted by the world. As soldiers of this vast army, God is preparing; we can't afford to entangle ourselves with worldly affairs. They're nothing more than spiritual affairs that lead us to spiritual adultery.

As you ponder how these three principles fit into your daily life, ask the Lord to give you wisdom and strength to obey Him in all things as you go forth as His kingdom ambassadors.

### Prayer

Father, I come to You today in humility, confessing that I need You as my helper to believe in Your wonderful promises. Help me embrace Your cross as I present myself as a living sacrifice unto You. Help me to put aside those worldly things and thoughts that pull me away from Your divine purposes so that I may please You in all things.



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