

thus building God's Church. and To lead people into a consciousness of the presence, power, and purpose of God, into an intimate and glorious fellowship.

The Bible tells us that one condition for a proper relationship with God is obedience to his word. Our very salvation is in obedient to God, and if we are to have God's blessing and God's best, now and for eternity, we must be obedient to Him. The Bible offers us many blessing and promises, promises of an abundant life, promises of victory over sin, etc,- but all of these promises are conditional, in that we must be totally committed and obedient to God.

Total committed means the act pledging one's self completely to a cause. Without commitment on the part of pastors and laity, little or no growth can occur in the church, numerically or spiritually. It is important for every member of the church be involved in the work and ministry of the church. Church activities are not for spectators, but for participants. Often time commitment requires sacrifice, requires 100% effort, requires courage, faith, and determination

To fulfill our commitment to God, we must break through the barrier of indifference, of worldliness, of pride. We must break through any obstacle that hinders us in our service to God. We must realize that we have a high and holy calling, to consecrate fully our time, our talent, our treasure, to God and His church. We must be committed and able to say as the apostle Paul said, "I have fought

there is a crown of righteousness laid up for me. We must start with God and stay with God.



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