

Are you ready to grow in your hands-on service to the Lord?

Will you climb one or more steps this year?

1. No, I am not ready at this time.
2. No, I am not ready yet, but I will be searching for ways that I can serve the Lord.
3. Yes, I am ready to begin giving one hour each week.
4. Yes, I am ready to begin giving two hours each week.
5. Yes, I am ready to begin giving _____ hours each week.
6. I am most interested in serving in the following ways:

7. Service will be a priority in my life, growing to include the following:

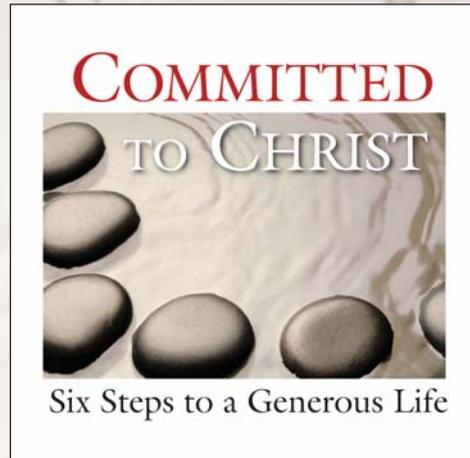
I will look for ways to give my time and strength to serve the Lord. I will serve with joy and gladness. When I feel the Lord inviting me to greater levels of sacrifice and service, I will answer, "Yes, Lord, send me"

Invitations from the Bible

The Lord looks down from heaven at us humans to see if there are any who are wise, any who worship him.
Psalm 14:2 ; Psalm 53:2 GNT

Come, let us bow down and worship him; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! He is our God; we are the people he cares for, the flock for which he provides.
Psalm 95:6-7 GNT

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
What does the Lord expect of me?
What "holy habits" should I cultivate in my life?



You are invited to make a commitment to grow into a strong disciple for the Lord.

Our entire church family is invited to enter a season of decision and commitment toward the goal of becoming fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. The theme for this program is Committed to Christ.

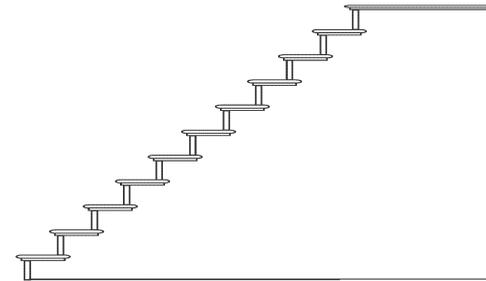
We are hoping that during this six-week program, every household will be present each Sunday and will commit to growing one step closer to being fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ—dedicating ourselves to the Lord and obeying what the Lord has commanded, all in a spirit of gratitude.

This brochure will briefly outline each of the commitments. A commitment card is available for each, and you will be invited to complete one of the cards each Sunday of the program.

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May God bless you as you commit to this journey toward becoming a fully devoted disciple of Jesus Christ.

Climb the Steps to Commitment

Look at the questions in this brochure. For each question, consider the choices from low to high commitment and decide what step you want to take.



Will you choose to be a committed follower and disciple of Jesus Christ?

Will you climb one or more steps this year?

1. No, today I am not ready to make a commitment.
2. No, but maybe someday.
3. No, but I want to with all my heart.
4. Yes, today, for the first time, I accept Jesus Christ as my Savior.
5. Yes, I have already accepted Jesus Christ. The year was about _____.
6. Yes, and someday I will be ready for an even closer walk with the Lord.
7. Yes, and today I want a closer walk with the Lord, growing to include the following:

Jesus is my guiding light, my compass, my lighthouse. I will ask the Lord for that "peace that passes all understanding." I will strive for my speech and behavior to please the Lord. I will strive for my attitudes, values, and thoughts to please the Lord. I will be passionate about the Lord as the priority of my life. I will strive to be able to explain clearly what I believe and why. I look forward to having a constant awareness of the Lord's presence. I will strive for others to see Christ in my life, words, and actions. At each major decision of my life, I will ask, "What would Jesus have me do?" I will bring the Lord into my marriage, my family, and all my relationships. I will allow Christ to love others through me, even those who are different from me.

Are you ready to grow in your prayer life?

Will you climb one or more steps this year?

1. Today, I am not ready to make a commitment to pray.
2. Beginning today, I will pray when I am in a worship service.
3. Beginning today, I will pray every time I am facing a difficult decision.
4. Beginning today, I will try to pray daily.
5. Beginning today, I will pray daily, using a devotional guide.
6. Beginning today, I will pray daily, remembering the prayer requests shared in worship.
7. Beginning today, I will pray daily, using the weekly prayer list from the church.
8. Beginning today, I will pray daily, setting aside 15 minutes for daily devotional time.
9. Beginning today, I will pray daily and be in the church prayer chain or prayer group.
10. Prayer will be a priority in my life, growing to include the following:

I will surround my family and friends with prayer. I will surround my church with prayer. Through prayer, I will find strength, power and direction to face the week. Through prayer, I will trust God with my life, my family, my job, my finances, and my immediate and eternal future. Through prayer, I will learn to love God with all my heart and to love my neighbors.

Are you ready to climb one or more steps in your Bible reading?

Will you climb one or more steps this year?

1. No, I am not ready to make a commitment today.
2. No, I am not ready to start, but I want to with all my heart.
3. Yes, I will read the Bible sometimes.
4. Yes, I will read the Bible frequently.
5. Yes, I will read the Bible on a daily schedule and I am ready for a structured plan of Bible reading (*check all that apply*).

- Yes, and today I will begin reading the entire New Testament.
- Yes, and today I will begin reading the entire Old Testament.
- Yes, and I will sign up for a weekly small group to study the Bible together.
- Yes, and I will look for additional opportunities to join a Bible study.

6. Reading the Bible will be a priority in my life, growing to include the following:

I will strive for my daily life to reflect the teachings of the Bible. I will surround my family and friends with Scripture. Through reading the Bible I will find strength, power, and direction to face the week.

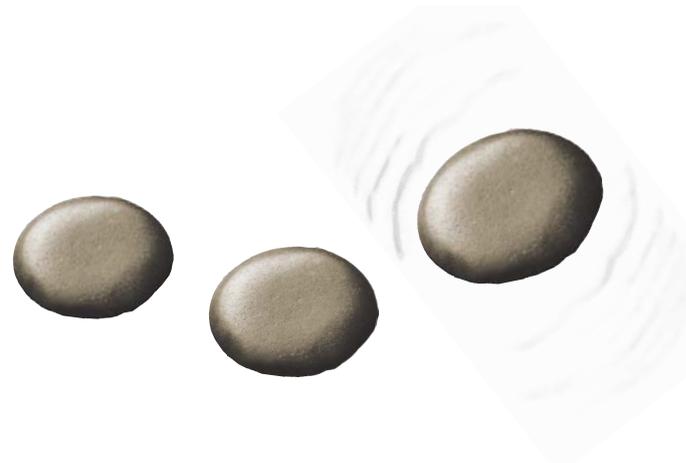


Are you ready to grow in your worship attendance?

Will you climb one or more steps this year?

1. Today, I am not ready to make a commitment.
2. I will attend worship three to six times a year.
3. I will attend worship once a month.
4. I will attend worship twice a month.
5. I will attend worship three times a month.
6. I will attend worship four times a month.
7. As my health permits, I will never miss worship.
8. Worship will be a priority in my life, growing to include the following:

I will be passionate about worship as a true priority of my life. Bad weather, sports, or holidays will not keep me from attending worship. I will prepare the day before, so that I can arrive at worship without last-minute rushing. I will warmly greet those who sit around me. I will surround my friends and family with worship. Through worship I will seek to find strength, power, and direction to face the week.



Will you witness and share your faith in Christ?

Will you climb one or more steps this year?

1. No, today I'm not ready to make a commitment.
2. Not now, but maybe someday.
3. Not now, but I want to with all my heart.
4. Yes, I will share my faith sometimes.
5. Yes, I will share my faith frequently.
6. Yes, I will look for daily opportunities to share about Jesus.
7. Yes, and telling others about Jesus will become a priority in my life, to include the following:

I will grow in my lifestyle so that pre-Christians will see Christ in all my words and actions. I will grow in my faith so that I will have the confidence to share it. I will watch for new neighbors and invite them to worship. I will pray for the salvation of specific non-Christian people. I will be praying for specific people to attend my small group. I will warmly greet and visit with worship guests who sit by me in worship. After someone has accepted Christ, I will continue to offer my friendship and support.



“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey every thing I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 GNT

Are you ready to grow one or more steps in your giving?

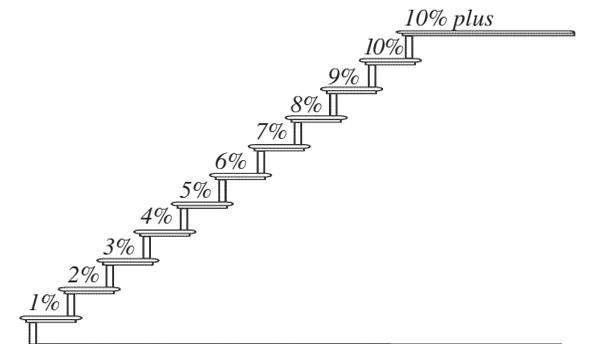
Will you climb one or more steps this year?

1. No, I will not give.
2. Yes, I will give \$5 per week.
3. Yes, I will give \$5 to \$9 per week.
4. Yes, I will give \$10 to \$19 per week.
5. Yes, I will give \$20 to \$29 per week.
6. Yes, I will give \$30 to \$49 per week.
7. Yes, I will give \$50 to \$74 per week.
8. Yes, I will give \$75 to \$99 per week.
9. Yes, I will give \$100 to \$149 per week.
10. Yes, I will give \$150 to \$249 per week.
11. Yes, I will give \$250 and up per week.

Will you step up to the tithe?

Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NRSV



Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this, they will be storing up real treasures for themselves in heaven. It is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 LB