

Church of Christ

...Heart to Heart ...

“...so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.” (Col. 1:18) Jesus holds all authority and power and He will have first place in everything. The question is, will we submit to His power and authority? How committed are we to Him?

“...for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.” (II Tim. 1:12) Paul entrusted or committed himself fully into the Lord’s hand. What about us? Have we committed ourselves into His hands? Does He have first place in our hearts?

Let’s look at our marriages. Does the Lord have first place? Have we committed our marriage to Him? I wish people were as committed to the Lord as they were about their wedding. Money, endless efforts are put forth to prepare for a wedding. A wedding lasts only a few hours but a marriage is a lifetime, at least for those committed to the Lord. When the Lord is first in the lives of individuals, they will be committed to Him and His cause, allowing nothing to destroy the marriage. A committed spouse, putting Jesus first, will be committed to the marriage. This makes the marriage divorce proof! Marriage isn’t always smooth sailing. There is a thing called sin that wants to ruin and destroy. We sometimes get caught in that world of sin, but when the Lord has first place in everything and we are committed to Him, we will flee back to His side in repentance and uphold the marriage no matter what. The Lord having first place in our lives will keep us committed to staying together, working together and never allowing sin to pull us apart. Not sickness, nor poverty. Not wounds of the past or temptations of the future. Nothing! Why? Because Jesus is Lord and He has first place in everything about us.

The world, (which is held in its power by the devil, I John 5:19), wants to destroy our commitment to the Lord. “*Walk out...don’t put up with... you have a right to be happy*” are all attitudes of the lost around us. “*Forget commitment! You deserve better! Forget the Lord!*” is the battle cry. The devil has sold a bill of goods to destroy everything and anyone committed to the Lord.

Marriage is difficult at times. But through it all, our commitment to the Lord so that He has first place in everything, will see us through, give us courage, give us wisdom how to handle situations, and keep us true to His cause. If Jesus doesn’t have first place, when things go astray, His will is out the door, sin is waiting to take hold of us and commitment is just a word that is spoken but not taken to heart. How committed are you? Think about it!!!