

Congregation Beth El of Manhattan • Membership Classes

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I. What Is Commitment?

Ruth 1:16-18 - Perhaps the most famous commitment in the Bible.

Isa. 50:7 Therefore have I set my face like a flint.

Luke 9:51 Yeshua steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.

John 6:69 Lord, to whom else shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. And **we believe and are sure** that You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

Phil. 2:30 Because for the work of Messiah he came nigh unto death, not regarding his life, in order that he through his excessive labours might make up for your lack of service toward me.

II. What Is The Fruit of Commitment?

Ps. 126:5-6 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goes forth and weeps, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Zech. 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro throughout the whole earth.

Matt. 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

III. How is Commitment Expressed?

The Acts community expresses it to the fullest.

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| 1. In the Temple. | Acts 2:46, 5:42 [Hebrews 10:25] |
| 2. House-to-house fellowship | Acts 2:46, 5:42 [Hebrews 10:25] |
| 3. Eating meals together. | Acts 2:42, 2:46, 5:42 |
| 4. Devotion to Apostles' teaching | Acts 2:42 |
| 5. Devotion to prayer | Acts 2:42 |
| 6. Financial commitment | Acts :44-45, Matt. 6:21, [tithe issue], 1Cor. 9:13 |
| 7. Consistent Presence | Prov. 24:21-22, Prov. 26:10 (those who pass by) |
| 8. Submission to local authority | Hebrews 13:17, 1Timothy 6:3-5 |
| 9. Interdependence | Galatians 6:2 [a N.T. jewel] |
| 10. The orphan & the widow | James 1:27 |

IV. God is Building A House

Ephesians 4:14-16 - People are the brick. [**by that which EVERY joint supplies**"]
[To be a Member you must pick a ministry area and work committedly in it.]

1Cor. 3:16 - People are the Temple.