

Responsibility to a Local Church (5)

- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 -

- A. Have you given Christ “your hand” or your life??
- B. What Jesus desires and expects in His church are those who love God with all their “*heart, soul, and mind*” (_____)
- C. Illustrations of **commitment**: **Matthew 5:37; 19:16-22; Luke 9:57-62; 14:15-24, 25-33,**
- D. To Christians, is the gospel *foolishness* or *stumbling block*?
- E. Are you one who says, “I want the church to grow” or “I want to be more involved”??
- F. The weakness among Christians is being half-committed to two dozen things rather than totally committed to things that really matter (_____)...

1. _____

A. Some in the church are: ***Sensitive parts*** (v.15), ***Rebel parts*** (v.16), ***Critical parts*** (v.18), ***Selfish parts*** (v.19), ***Observing parts*** (v.25,26)...

B. A local church needs **people** _____

- 1. “*God, who worketh all things..hath God set.* (v.6,18,24,28)
- 2. An ideal church believes in God’s design and executes that plan in the way He declares...
- 3. **Committed** apostles (**Acts 4:20**)
- 4. Encouraged **commitment** (**Matthew 21:19-21**)
- 5. Fulfill your **commitment** (**Philippians 2:12-15**)

C. **Commitment** is _____ v.14,19,20,27

- 1. What happens if the **ONE** committed member leaves?
- 2. Illustrated in the church at Antioch (**Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3**)
- 3. The church grows when God puts everyone to work!

2. _____

A. _____ **with God’s people** (**Rom 12:10; Ps 16:3**)

B. _____ (**James 4:17; 2 Corinthians 8:2-5**)

C. _____ (**Ephesians 4:16; Colossians 3:17**)

D. _____ (**Rom 4:18-22; 2 Tim 1:12**)

E. _____ (**Hebrews 6:18,19**)

F. Jesus asks for a **BIG commitment**, not a favor (**Luke 14:33**).

G. What will you choose? Whom will you serve?