

# The Advancing Disciple

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Subject: commitment.
- B. Text: John 12:23.
- C. There is a point where we come to the place of commitment.

## II. Commitment means death.

- A. Jesus died, and we are the fruit of His death.
- B. Jesus “sows” the children of God in the world. (Matthew 13)
- C. We must die to ourselves in order to bear the fruit of more disciples.

## III. Commitment means hatred.

- A. We must hate our lives.
- B. Our lives are the sum total of all of our possessions and relationships.
- C. We are to hate these in the sense that our love for Jesus is so great and singular that all other relationships by comparison seem to be hatred. (Luke 14)
- D. We must be open handed about all that we have.

## IV. Commitment means service.

- A. Jesus went about doing good.
- B. We must go about in the same way.

### **Application questions:**

1. How does the seed illustration help us to see that we are not in control of our ministry?

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2. What does it mean to die to oneself?

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3. What areas of your life can you maximize your service? Explain.

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