

Commitment to Jesus Christ

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 12:27-28.

B. The Christian is a sheep. The Christian is a soldier of Christ. The Christian is also a servant of Jesus Christ. Sometimes we forget this last point.

C. Fear, indifference and being lukewarm are not proper responses to the message.

D. The best reaction to the message is to ask God to search one's heart. (Psalm 139:23-24)

II. There is a servant who knew God's will.

A. A definition of a servant is one who makes it his business to know his master's will.

B. There is a reason for our existence.

C. Christ has authority whether we submit to it or not. (Ephesians 5:17, John 4:34)

III. The servant did not prepare himself.

A. Human's have some responsibility.

B. The will of God applies to all Christians in one sense.

1. Every Christian should become like Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:28)

2. We are responsible to behave like Christ.

C. The will of God is also unique for individuals. God has a specific work for each to do. (Mark 13:34)

D. We live in two kingdoms and have responsibilities to both.

1. Full time Christian service does not mean greater commitment.

2. God has a perfect mission for each in the kingdom of man and the kingdom of society.

IV. The servant did not follow through.

V. The servant suffered the consequences.

- A. We reap what we sow.
- B. Every act of disobedience carries a consequence.
- C. We are responsible.
- D. We can only be godlike on God's terms or not at all.
- E. We have to live for other people to be a servant of God.
- F. Being a servant of Christ will cost us our lives.

Application questions:

1. What is a servant?

2. What does it look like for the servant to prepare himself?

3. How is it helpful to think in terms of ultimate goals as a servant?
