

Commitment to the Lord

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 13:36-38, John 12:24-26.

B. Jesus work was not only to redeem us but also to train twelve men. (John 17, 19)

II. We are “seeds.” If you are a child of the king Jesus, you are a seed among other things.

III. Jesus is the farmer.

IV. The field is the world.

A. We do not get to choose where we get to be “planted.”

B. To be useable, we must be willing to go where the farmer wants us to be planted.

V. Unless the seed dies, it abides alone. If it dies, it bears much fruit.

A. We have an option to die or abide alone.

B. Death means to relinquish control. (Ecclesiastes 8)

C. We have to be open-handed about our life, which consists of all our possessions, activities and relationships.

D. It is our decision to find real freedom and make Christ Lord.

Application questions:

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

2. What does it mean to die to oneself?

3. What areas of your life may God be calling you to die to yourself? Spend some time in prayer and write your reflections below.
