

Refrigerator Notes 05 February 2017
"Interested or Committed"
Matthew 5: 13-20

1. Proverbs 26:16 says: "The sluggard (one who is lazy) is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly
2. Someone who is lazy is not willing to accept the counsel of the wise, because the lazy person is already wise in their own eyes. At the root of their "wisdom" is pride
3. A man who is lazy is prideful, and will lose his saltiness
4. With God, there is always a choice, either one is interested in fulfilling God's will or ...
5. Ken Blanchard, author of 'Servant Leadership and Lead like Jesus' says: "There is a difference between a servant being interested and committed" in the Lord
6. A person who is interested in anything has not made a commitment or is not fully invested in his interest
7. The actions of an interested person are inconsistent – all talk and no actions
8. We often see this type behavior in people who make New Year's Resolutions: Our gospel states we are to be the salt of the earth ... but you don't know that you were personally made to be the salt of the earth; why, because you have not made the commitment to study God's word, which is easier than doing God's word or having an interest in the Word
9. The second part of the scripture tells us that we are the light of the world, no one can see a light that is covered by a bowl
10. True Christians who are committed to God never have to tell others that they are Christians
11. ... the other choice that God allows is "commitment"
12. But making a commitment to do the right thing means being intentional; no excuses and no reservations -- it means putting aside fears and reservations and moving forward until the end result is achieved
13. Examples of just being interested are: "Life just got in the way"
You do something inconsistently – only when you remember or 'feel like it'
You can find more excuses NOT to do it then to do it!
You make excuses throughout the day to justify your lack of commitment to the goal. "I haven't got the time." "It's not my fault." "I should have..." "I'm too tired." "I deserve a day off!"
You make hesitant attempts to start, but easily give up (quitters never finish anything)!
You wake up each morning fighting the voices in your head over whether to 'do it' today or 'not' or 'I'll start it tomorrow or the next day – why worry, because I got time'!
14. Here's what 100% commitment looks like:
If you are committed to your goal of knowing the Lord, then there are no excuses, only results!
You have enough discipline to read and enact God's word – It's becomes a part of your daily practice!
The question is, it's a done deal in your mind that you are going to serve the Lord? YES!
You've made the decision – you're committed to making it happen – Yes!
You don't have to think about it anymore, the decision has been made – you're doing it consistently!
There is no debate in your head or fighting with Satan to bind him!
Life gets easier when you keep your focus on the Lord! That's commitment

15. You turn up every day to show Satan he won't bind you, despite obstacles and not feeling like it
- no matter what the circumstances, your commitment is to the Lord
16. Successful Christians are committed to their intentions of knowing the Lord; they know no
obstacles or barriers to stop them from knowing the Lord
17. How badly do you really WANT know the Lord DPC? Every day is not promised!