

PRAYER BULLETIN #182, 26JAN2022

COMMIT: WILL YOU HANDOVER TO GOD?

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans."*

Proverb 16:3

REFLECTION

As we began this year in 2022, did you commit yourself to fulfill some new year resolutions? If you did, were you able to keep them thus far? As we come to the end of one month, I hope that by God's grace you have been able to!

It is always hard to commit to something, especially if it takes much effort and time, e.g. a relationship filled with struggles and challenges. But today's verse challenges us that committing to God is not just committing to any person but to the One who created the heavens and the earth and all the creatures in it! The One whom we are called to commit to is faithful and it is **HE** who **WILL** establish our plans!

Though I have stopped making new year resolutions for a while simply because I knew that I could not keep them, but I resolved to commit to one resolution this year: I want to be more serious in my relationship with God. So before the year 2021 ended, I found a daily scripture writing plan as well as a regular devotional to prepare for 2022. And when I had them in place, I committed them to God in prayer. And I started on them one day at a time! Though I missed a few days since, I have an item at my desk that reminds me constantly of my commitment.

Committing to God our plans requires a conscious act on our part to "handover the control of our plans" to Him. When we commit ourselves to God, it usually means that we have decided to **DENY** ourselves, take up our cross **DAILY** and **FOLLOW HIM**. Committing to God our plans also implies that we be willing to surrender our plans to Him and follow His ways so that we will be in **HIS will** and not ours. When we handover, we need to let go and let God!

When we handover to God to safe keep all that we want to do, He will establish our plans. When we seek God's will in our plans, we will not go wrong. There is no safer place than to be in the will of God!

My friends, do make plans if you like but don't try to accomplish them in your own strength and wisdom. Rather, seek God's will and purpose in every area of your life. If they involve any planning and commitment hand them over to

God for safekeeping and He will fulfil them together with you!

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You know all our hearts' desires and plans. Teach us to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily and to follow the plans You have for us; for we know that there is no better way than to be in Your will. When it is hard to follow You, give us strength to persevere. For we commit all that we are and have to You, Amen!

SUPPLICATION

- Give thanks for the New Year which reminds us of many opportunities and possibilities for fresh starts and second chances. Ask for God's grace to help you make things good again and to grant you the strength to avoid past mistakes.
- Pray for God's leading and guidance as you make plans and resolutions. May they be according to God's will and purpose that will firstly bless others and then ourselves. Seek God's kingdom and His righteousness, and the Lord will guide and provide the resources you need.
- Pray for BRMC. May we be sensitive to the leading of God for our church in this season, that we will listen attentively to God's direction and be obedient to His word. Pray for yielded hearts and lives to the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the world. That all Christian leaders will lead their nations with integrity and courage, and to commit their plans to God and not to bend to the fear of men. May they in such a way that others may see Christ in them and praise God for their good deeds!

"Commitment is an act, not a word."

Jean Paul Sartre

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