



From the Desk of Father Peter

Commitment

Commitments make life worthwhile. Yet, so many times, commitments are difficult to keep.

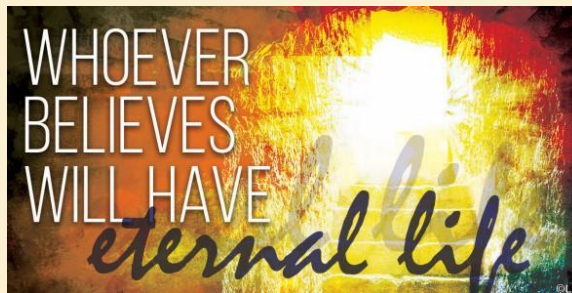
When we take a look at society, we notice how many commitments are made and how many are broken. We can recognize this sadness wherever we look. We see it in friendships and

marriage. We see it in industry and institutions. We see it in the financial world of the world we live in today, as well as in the realm of politics. We are even able to see it in ourselves—broken commitments throughout our lives. We see it sadly in our Church. We live in a situation where some of us do not want

to be dedicated to anything.

We do not want to go to church because for some of us

it is the last thing to do in our list of things. We fail to understand who we are and our need to serve God from whom all things come.



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Everybody is crying for their rights but no one is talking about our responsibility. It is not that we do not believe in God, but some of us are caught in the world around us where being a spiritual person is sometimes frowned upon. For some of us, going to church every day is something of the past, now relegated to our

parents and grandparents. For some of us as parents, we say we did all we could for our children, but now we do not understand why they do not go to church. For some of us, we feel very uncomfortable talking to a spouse, a child, a relative or even a friend about going to church. We only think of church for our special needs but some of us fail to think about the church's upkeep. How is the Gospel message going to be proclaimed beyond me? We can become so comfortable in our own sense of security that we tend to think we do not need God. Today, some will even say they do not go to church because of some bad experience. Whatever the reason or experience we may have had, we are called to our relationship with God. Here are two pieces of good news: God forgives us unconditionally and God gives all of us a share in His

forgiving nature. So, whichever side you find yourself on, turn around! Take your eyes off wrong-doing, either your own or that of another, and fix your gaze on Jesus. God needs somebody to put His "skin" on to build His Church and unless we commit to serving God in our neighbor, the good news of Jesus cannot be proclaimed by our witness. We can achieve much in this life by our faith in God and God wants us to aim high. As Paul said: "What do you possess that you have not received?" 1 Corinthians 4:7. The most precious of God's gifts, and the one that is nothing but a gift, is eternal life. At least once a day we should stop and think about the fact that Jesus died for each of us so that we could live with Him forever! This is a commitment that we cannot abandon whether we believe or not. Let us try to rise up in our faith and commit to

something in church. How well are we keeping the commitments that we have to—God, our spouse, our

finances, and our work? What type of situation presently is calling us into making a commitment?



Blessings,

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