

IS YOUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS?

Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Being committed is more than just attendance. It is a commitment to the work of our Lord. We commit ourselves when we serve. Commitment equates to SERVICE.

S – Sacrifice => We serve in the spirit of sacrifice and love. Service is measured by the love we put into it. Real service involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is made holy if it is offered to God. God looks at how much love we put in our work. If our service doesn't involve any sacrifice, we are not truly serving yet. It becomes real when we are already experiencing discomfort.

E – Enthusiasm => The word enthusiasm comes from the Greek word "*entheos*", meaning in God's name. We are excited because we are doing it in God's name. If we find joy and excitement in our service, despite the hardships, we are doing it for God. If we find ourselves stressed and have lost enthusiasm, we are not doing it for the Lord.

R – Right intention and motivation => In the eyes of God, our intention counts more than our action. If we are serving with wrong intentions, we will not last. Only service with the right intention will earn God's reward.

V – Voluntary => We serve because we want to and NOT because we are forced. We must serve willingly. We do not need to be acknowledged nor rewarded. Take the initiative to volunteer for work that needs to be done.

I – Intelligence => When we offer our talent/gift and competence, we are praising God. Our charism is not for ourselves, but to be used in serving God. We have all been given spiritual gifts and special abilities that should be used to minister to the needs of others and the community.



C – Cooperation => We are not the only ones who are serving. We are serving in a church, a community, composed of other people who are also serving. Coordination with other groups or ministries is vital. There should be no competition nor exclusivity. We may have different functions, but we have one goal: to serve God. In communicating, we need to use uplifting or encouraging words. We need to be humble and patient, bearing with one another and helping/supporting each other. We need to promote unity, rather than divisiveness.

E – Eucharistic => Daily Mass, which is the highest form of prayer and service, is vital for every servant. The Mass gives us the grace to sustain us in our spiritual journey and our service.

CONCLUSION:

Our commitment to Jesus is closely tied up to real and sincere S.E.R.V.I.C.E.

We have been called by the Lord for a purpose. Life is not a matter of how long we lived, but how we lived our life.

REFLECTION:

1. How do you rate yourself as a servant in terms of S.E.R.V.I.C.E.?
2. If you find yourself lacking in an area, make a decision to raise your level of commitment by enriching your service to God.

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