

Chicken or Pig

Ready:

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."
-Proverbs 16:3

Set

Do you know the difference between a chicken and a pig? When it comes to a breakfast of ham and eggs, the chicken is a contributor but the pig is committed! The chicken only leaves a part of itself, while the pig has to die.

The difference between being an all-star and a benchwarmer usually has less to do with talent and more to do with the level of commitment you're willing to give to your sport. Those who succeed literally leave it all on the field because they're deeply committed to their sport and their team's success. Winners are usually found lifting weights or watching video of their opponents after the game. The rest go home to pursue meaningless activities.

In our Christian walk, it's easy to be a contributor. We can go to church, give our tithe, participate in the life of the church and pray when we have time. Most people settle for being a contributor when it comes to their faith. The champions of our faith, though, exhibit a different behavior. As Proverbs 16:3 points out, we only find success in life when we "commit to the Lord" whatever we do! This isn't telling us to make our plans and ask God to bless them. Instead, it's a challenge to make a lifelong commitment to Jesus Christ and to share His life with our teammates, classmates and friends.

I'm thankful Jesus was committed to us and that He was more than just a contributor. All He asks of us is to respond in worship with that same attitude.

Go

1. Would the people in my life say that I'm a contributor who just does the minimum or that I am committed in all that I do?
2. What are some specific things you can do to be more committed to Jesus?
3. What happens to those around you when you decide to be more committed to Christ?

Workout

Mark 12:28-34
Colossians 3:23-24
1 Peter 4:19



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