

Why We Resist Commitment

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- I. **The Power of Man's Will:** Joshua 24:15; Jeremiah 6:16; Matthew 23:37; John 8:44
- II. **The Necessity of Commitment:** Matthew 10:22; 24:12-13; 1 Timothy 4:16; 1 Corinthians 13:7
- III. **Why Do Men Resist Commitment?**
 - Fear
 - * of ability: Matthew 25:14-15; 2 Corinthians 10:12; 1 Corinthians 4:3-4; 2 Corinthians 13:5
 - * criticism of others: Philippians 1:27-28

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- * measuring up to expectations of others: Galatians 2:11-14
- * exposing our personal faults/weaknesses to others: James 5:16; Hebrews 3:12-13
- Selfishness (i.e., arrogance): Jonah 3:1 – 4:11
 - * Jonah's prejudice: 4:1-8
 - * God's response: 4:9-11
 - * The selfish don't see the need because they aren't looking: Matthew 25:44-45; Luke 12:16-21

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- Lazy: Proverbs 22:13; Matthew 25:24-25; 4:8-10
- IV. **How Do God's People Resist Commitment?**
 - Argue with God and make excuse: Luke 14:16-20
 - Substitute human wisdom for God's: cf. Saul, 1 Samuel 15:1-9
 - Outright deny God's will and run from it: Jonah 1:1-3