

Introduction: “Risk, reason, and the decision making process”

– Excerpt from *Harvard Business Review*

Case Study #1 – John’s Civil War Coins

Case Study #2 – Sheila’s Picasso

Questions to ponder:

- What are the risks?
- What are the potential rewards?
- What would you do?
- Why?

Observations & Analysis:

Case Study #3 – Ancient Treasure

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, ⁴⁶and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Jesus – Matthew 13:44-46 (NASB)

- **Observations**

- **Thesis** – Total surrender is the _____ through which God’s best and biggest blessings flow.

- **Definition** – “Total commitment is the alignment of one’s motives, resources, priorities, and goals to fulfill a specific mission, accomplish a specific task, or follow a specific person.”

– Webster’s Dictionary

- **Spiritual Insight** – Through which lens do you view total commitment?

Positive	vs.	Negative
Wise		Sacrifice
Logical		Self-Denial
Shrewd		Noble, Martyr
Re-evaluation		Renunciation

The Problem: What does total commitment look like in our relationship with God? How does it work?

The Answer:

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.”

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

The Command: “_____ your bodies”

The Motivation: “The _____ of God”

The Reason: “Spiritual act of _____.”

What does He want most?

1. He wants you!
2. All that you are and all that you have fully surrendered to Him.

Why surrender to His Lordship?

Psalm 84:11

Because total surrender is the channel through which God's best and biggest blessings flow.

The Question: Are you _____ ?

Personal Application Questions:

1. How has your view of commitment changed?
2. Why do most Christians miss out on God's best for their life?
3. What most keeps you from being "all in?"
4. What would it look like to surrender all to Christ today?