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I AM COMMITTED!

The following was penned by a young Pastor in Africa some years ago: "I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams...I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer and labor by power. My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my way rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable and my mission clear. I cannot be bought, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy... I won't give up, let up or shut up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know and work till He stops me. And when He comes, He will have no problem recognizing me - my banner will be clear!" (You say, "Wonderful." What about you? What kind of commitment have you made?).

ONE ATHEIST'S PROBLEM

I don't have the source for this, it is something I copied down years ago. A certain Atheist said, "There is one thing that mars all the pleasure of my life; I am afraid that the Bible may be true. If I could know for a certainty that death is an endless sleep, I should be happy. But here is what pierces my soul: If the Bible is true, I am lost forever." Well, the Bible is true and death is not an endless sleep! Not only atheists, but all who do not repent and receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour, are lost also. And to be lost is to spend eternity in a real Lake of Fire. However, there is one way of escape: **"That if thou wilt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."** ~Romans 10:9

THE CURSE OF ALCOHOL!

Drink has drained more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more weddings, defiled more innocence, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves than any other poisoned graves than any other scourge that ever swept its death-dealing waves across the world. - Evangeline Booth. I have heard and read a thousand times that Prohibition didn't work. Believe me it did work! What the bootleggers sold was only a fraction of the liquor trade. The problem is man wanted his sin and he got it back and we are all paying for it one way or another. **"Be sure your sin will find you out!"**