

Scriptural Examples of Calls to Commitment

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John the Baptist called people to repent and show fruit (Luke 2:7-14)

Matthew 3:2 (NASB95)

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Jesus called people to respond

Mark 1:15 (NASB95)

15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:17 (NASB95)

17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

Matthew 7:13-14 (NASB95)

13 “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 “For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 11:28-29 (NASB95)

28 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.”

Luke 9:23 (NASB95)

23 And He was saying to *them* all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Luke 9:57-62 (NASB95)

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow You wherever You go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” 59 And He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.” 60 But He said to him, “Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God.” 61 Another also said, “I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home.” 62 But Jesus said to him, “No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Luke 14:21-23 (NASB95)

21 “And the slave came *back* and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ 22 “And the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ 23 “And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel *them* to come in, so that my house may be filled.

John 7:37 (NASB95)

37 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.”

Revelation 3:20 (NASB95)

20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

- *Encounters with the Matthew, woman at well, rich young ruler and many who were sick & demon-possessed consisted of him calling them to do something*

The apostles & prophets called people to respond

Mark 6:12 (NASB95) (Jesus’ sending of 12)

¹² They went out and preached that *men* should repent.

Acts 2:37-38 (NASB95)

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:40 (NASB95)

And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!”

Acts 22:16 (NASB95) (Ananias to Saul)

¹⁶ ‘Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.’

Acts 18:4 (NASB95)

4 And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Acts 18:13 (NASB95)

13 saying, “This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.”

Acts 19:8 (NASB95)

8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading *them* about the kingdom of God.

Acts 26:28 (NASB95)

28 Agrippa *replied* to Paul, “In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian.”

2 Corinthians 5:11 (NASB95)

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

Colossians 1:28-29 (NASB95)

28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may

present every man complete in Christ. 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

Romans 10:1 (NASB95)

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation.