

The Joy of Spiritual Flight

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You were designed for commitment just as a plane is designed for the sky. Nobody who tiptoes through life, as though sneaking through a minefield, will become a force for the kingdom of God. The level of your spiritual growth will be proportional to the level of your commitment.

Consider the words of John Rohn:

Let others lead small lives,

but not you.

Let others argue over small things,

but not you.

Let others cry over small hurts,

but not you.

Let others leave their future

in someone else's hands,

but not you.

Not a Butterfly

Spiritual maturity isn't a butterfly that lands on your shoulder if you stand still. And you can't wait for someone to hand it to you. It flows from commitment.

After the apostle Paul explained the concept of justification by faith (Romans 5) he told his readers their spiritual life rested on their identity in Christ. As followers of Jesus, we are identified with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6).

Yet, we're rendered spiritually impotent if we lack commitment. That's why Paul said, "*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*" (Rom.12:1).

Release the Tethers

As followers of Jesus, we're to place all we are, have, and hope for on an altar before God. Anything less leads to a small life . . . a life controlled by our flesh and demonic idols . . . rather than God. Commitment frees us from all that holds us back. It allows us to fulfill our new and true identity in Christ. We must be like a plane that commits itself to the air, leaving behind the earth.

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You will know the joy of spiritual flight as you let go of all that tethers you to the world by daily devoting yourself to Christ and His teaching.