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What Would You Do?, on: 2011/8/29 10:09

Suppose you belong to a Christian organization. You see 2 problems.

1) From a Biblical stand point you do not agree with some of the decisions that are being made.

2) Your involvement is eating up all of your time to the point where it is effecting not only your family and the amount of time you spend with them, but also your relationship with God due to not having time for "prayer closet" time.

In 11 weeks your commitment will end.

Would you quit now and just walk away in order to get things back to normal with your family and God? Or would you finish out the commitment?

Krispy

Re: What Would You Do? - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2011/8/29 11:57

I would finish the commitment, and pray the Lord grants me the capacity to do so along with the ability to not neglect my family and enter the prayer closet.

Re: What Would You Do? - posted by DEADn (), on: 2011/8/29 14:08

Involvement is the key thing here not disagreeing with decisions. If your time is being eaten up and affecting your family more than you need to either cut it out outright or cut it in half. People spend too much time involving themselves in so much stuff that they spread themselves thin and their family pays for it. The church isn't going to mend your family back together, YOU ARE. Your reason for walking away is your family and if that cannot be understood then the organization has problems unless they help you cut your time down.

Re: What Would You Do? - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/8/29 14:42

Hum, 11 weeks is quite a bit. I would ask my wife and children first off their thoughts not really on the situation but on not seeing you so much, assess from there. My dad and I started up a prayer meeting once and it cut right into times with our wives and eventually they got tired of it and started complaining, at that point our prayers were literally hindered. So we stopped meeting so often and spent more time with our wives, this turned out to be the wiser choice. Your relationship with God is between you and Him and so I think you already have an idea what you want to do based off of that.

I worked at a church and at the beginning of my ministry I hadn't really formed opinions and thoughts of my own concerning scriptures I eventually found I disagreed with the church's doctrines in place, in time I disagreed with the wrong doctrine and they forced me out, which was okay because I had been praying the Lord make a way out should He desire it and will it.

Perhaps that is what you should ask the Lord to do, to open an exit if it's within His will to do so. :) I hope it all works out.

Re: What Would You Do? - posted by Questor, on: 2011/8/29 15:10

God, Family, Ministry, Self.

If you arrange your options any other way, you will not survive as the person you want to be.

By the way, have you got 11 weeks?

And they are breaking your rules in their decision making?

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Re: - posted by flameoffire (), on: 2011/8/29 16:18

There is no easy answer to this one. I was in a very similar situation and the solution was and continues to be difficult. Would it be possible to take your situation to leadership and discuss it with them? Perhaps there is a half-way measure that could be reached that would enable you to satisfy your commitment and spend more time with your family and God. It's possible that they could "release" you from the commitment if that's what you desire. It sounds as if you would quit if it wasn't for the commitment. I will pray that the Lord gives you wisdom.

Re: - posted by mehamgul101, on: 2011/8/30 6:38

i do a job in IT sector for the earning purpose

Re: What Would You Do? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/8/30 9:15

"In 11 weeks your commitment will end."

I have no clue what you should do - or maybe I do...

However, I would look at the term 'commitment'. Was this a formal agreement? If you were to discontinue your involvement would it involve breaking a contract of some kind? Seems to me this aspect of your connection should be looked at seriously. Moderns do not take commitments seriously - the old folks used to, their word was their bond. Many moderns today make commitments carelessly - we all do - and then pay later with regrets.

You just may have to ask the LORD for a supernatural infusion of grace in order to maintain your commitment.

My thoughts...

EDIT: Scripture talks about 'truce breakers' - would that apply here? Was your initial commitment a violation of some aspect of God's Word?

Something to think about.

Re: , on: 2011/8/30 9:39

No contracts.

Personally, looking at the situation, part of breaking the commitment would likely make more of a statement that what I see going on is wrong and needs to be changed... and that I will not be a part or participate in the wrong that is being done.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/8/30 9:44

And your family? Your wife? what do they say?

Last, but not least, what is the Holy Spirit telling you?

Re: , on: 2011/8/30 10:28

There is a lot more to the situation here than I can discuss on a public forum. My wife supports whatever decision I make. We are united.

If I knew what the Holy Spirit was telling me to do I wouldn't be on this forum asking what you thought... lol.

Krispy

Re: What Would You Do?, on: 2011/8/30 10:31

This is a classic example of why we should be very careful to the swearing of an oath. , but we all have done so from time to time, to our own hurt.

The righteous man is one "In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD.

"!! He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not!!"

You have sworn to your own hurt...but what makes it even weightier, you have sworn to fellow believers in Christ. This should never mean that you should remain in an activity that causes you to sin, that you have committed to, or see your conscience violated .

Basically, as I see it, this has become more of an inconvenience to you, than a conviction. You could easily take some sleep time away from yourself, for more time with the Lord, and wedge every second possible into your family, and gut it out to keep your word.

It matters that you keep your word, a lot...Thus the admonition: ABOVE ALL!:.....James 5:12

"But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.!"

You risk falling under condemnations, and possibly by weaker brothers that you made this commitment to. 11 weeks is not long at all...Bear your cross, and ask God to make up the difference in family life and devotion, and I bet He will...and keep your word.

You ought to express yourself, without complaining, to your companions in this organization, in love, of the whys that you do not agree upon.

Re: , on: 2011/8/30 10:43

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-----Basically, as I see it, this has become more of an inconvenience to you, than a conviction.

Well, see here is where the whole picture is not able to come thru. I don't know who all reads this forum, so I have to be careful how much info I give.

Suffice it to say that there has been, in my opinion, failures among certain individuals of influence that could have a negative spiritual effect on some young people. As of right now no action is being taken to rectify the situation, only a "sweeping under the rug" type of thing.

Things like that I did not commit to.

And on top of that, more has been "dumped" onto my plate than I had originally agreed to.

So, I could not have seen the "failure" issue coming and it would seem to me that others not wanting to do their part and pull their own weight so that it causes me to neglect my family and effect my relationship with the Lord was not part of the bargain.

Is that really not a breach of agreement on THEIR part?

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Joining in with darkness....???, on: 2011/8/30 11:12

"Is that really not a breach of agreement on THEIR part?"KK

Definitely Yes...it is a breach of the covenant that you agreed to. The agreed commitment that you made involved serving the Lord, and the Bible says that we are to have no fellowship with immorality....and not to EAT with a greedy brother or one involved in sexual sin....To separate ourselves from this.

Also, the "dumping" of the time consuming duties upon you, was not part of your agreement. It looks like manipulation to me, and the child of God is not to be manipulated, as it is a form of witchcraft.

We must always obey God before man; every time, no matter what we have got ourselves into. In this instance, I see that at this departure is part of holy conviction, not inconvenience as I first read.

Timothy 5:22

22. "Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."

We are not to fellowship darkness in any way, or to agree with it, and many, many have stumbled in this way, by joining in with others partaking in a sin, and are counted, by agreement, as partaking in the same sin.

This could be what your feeling, and if so....well, you have to leave.BT

Re: Joining in with darkness....???, on: 2011/8/30 11:25

Good word, Tom

Krispy