

Key Scripture:

Luke 6:37 NLT Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to <u>make room</u> for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

Make room for the right commitments.

Luke 12:16-21 NLT

16 Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? *I don't have room for all my crops.'*18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"' 20 "But God said to him, 'You foo!! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' 21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth

but not have a rich relationship with God."

Why should we make room for commitment?

✓ Commitments show our <u>values</u>.

Luke 12:18 NLT

Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. *Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods.*

✓ Commitments <u>shape</u> our lives.

Luke 12:19 NLT

And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. *Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"*

✓ Commitments determine our <u>destiny</u>.

Matthew 16:26 NKJV

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or *what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

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Make Room

For Commitment

Make Room for Clear Commitments

2 Corinthians 8:9-12 Message

9 You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as He was, He gave it all away for us — in one stroke He became poor and we became rich.
10 So here's what I think: The best thing you can do right now is to finish what you started last year and not let those good intentions grow stale. 11 Your heart's been in the right place all along. You've got what it takes to finish it up, so go to it.

12 Once the commitment is clear, you do what you can, not what you can't.

The heart regulates the hands.

1. Commit your first words of the day to the Lord.

Psalm 5:3 NIV

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.

2. Commit the first day of the week to the Lord.

Acts 20:7 NLT

<u>On the first day of the week,</u> we gathered with the local believers to share in the Lord's Supper...

3. Commit the first <u>10%</u> of your earnings to the Lord.

Proverbs 3:9 TLB

Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income.

4. Commit generous offerings to the Lord for special needs.

1 Corinthians 16:2 Message

<u>Every Sunday each of you make an offering</u> and put it in safekeeping. Be as generous as you can.

When I get there you'll have it ready, and *I won't have to make a special appeal.*

5. Commit to considering the Lord first in every decision.

Proverbs 3:5-8 NASB

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.8 It will be healing to your body, And refreshment to your bones.

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