

THE COST OF COMMITMENT

"The Cost of Commitment" is a commentary of the January 2nd issue of "Dear Abby"; with some material from the article is the fundamental need for commitment, above all else, in any meaningful relationship or cause. No where should commitment be more prevalent than in marriage; even more than love itself, commitment is the key to an enduring and successful marriage.

One of the write-in's had the following to say on the subject:

Our secret is a personal commitment under God to each other to make it work during the difficult times as well as the good ones – 54 years and counting...

Another writes:

It's the willingness to work through whatever comes your way, no matter what it takes. What keeps us strong and still in love today is our faith and commitment to each other.

What is COMMITMENT? It is the will, the choice, the intent to believe in something bigger than ourselves – our own wants...and even needs at times.

COMMITMENT in marriage is more than love – but is what is left over when love cannot be mustered or brought to our minds...or hearts. It is the will that places a promise above all predicaments and problems that may arise – or have indeed occurred; our will and our minds determine who we are – and what we believe in...

What is the cost of COMMITMENT? It is what we give-up or surrender in our lives – whether our dreams or expectations or desires – for that which is better for the whole family, group, or other body.

The cost of COMMITMENT in marriage may be a move or relocation; it may be working two jobs – or it may be giving-up a job – or changing jobs; it may be letting go of old relationships that, as one write-in put it, is a "doubter" of the marriage or relationship; or it may be any number of sacrificial acts for the benefit of him, or her or for those little ones. It is the will that discounts the cost because, above all else, is the cost paid for you by our Lord on the cross; and by his example, we learn that commitment is love expressed through subordinating our own wants and needs for those of another.