

SERMON OUTLINE

DEVOTED

January 31, 2021

de·vot·ed *adjective*

1. Committed, loyal, faithful

2. Relentless

“Helping people become fully **devoted** and equipped followers of Jesus Christ.”

Jesus demands complete devotion

Why are we surprised when people sacrifice everything to follow Christ—and help others follow Him? Devoted means sanctified—set apart for specific purposes. It also means 100% committed, loyal, and faithful.

Luke 14:25-27, Exodus 19:5-6

Joshua 6:17, 1 Kings 11:4

2 Chronicles 17:6, Matthew 6:24

Devoted means relentless

Codependency sacrifices holiness to sustain weakness in those we “love.” Christlike loyalty sacrifices whatever it takes to empower others. It requires countless stubborn, daily choices and a lot of hard work.

Mark 7:1-13, John 13:34-35

True disciples stay truly devoted

The first believers “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” We must follow their example in every way.

Acts 2:37-46, 1 Timothy 4:13

Romans 12:10, 1 Corinthians 10:16

Colossians 4:2

Lord, I will...