Nature of Commitment

Intro. 1. Word is "Commitment"

2. Words have interesting histories: some die and disappear; some even stick but stay (love); some misused and soon avoided (charity); bad reputation; some change meanings (prevent, square), some come under cloud and future uncertain (spiritual) such as commitment.

I No. of factors lead to this.

1. Tentativeness. Strong winds of change. Periods give way to cosmos; suspect those who have deg conviction as guilty of pre-mature finality. Paperbacks, rapids not rocks. An ad lib world. Commitment too fixed

2. Life very complex and commitment a cheap purchase of simplification. (all want life simplified)

3. Integrity demands free to do as feel. May not feel right about commitments

4. Not delayed but sustained adolescence. Commitment a bondage.

5. Commitment is saying No to too many values. Dr. in room of rich. To turn to help us to turn back on another alternative?

6. Explosion of knowledge increases alternatives. alternatives immobilize.

7. Seems an abdication of freedom.

a. all have desires. Vague, wants, wishes, prayers, bargains, prices.

b. What if so intense seem not a choice but a compulsion from mother's womb? Seems no freedom. Where your freedom?

c. Some, therefore, decide by 51%, give 51%, talk of live alternatives in marriage, schools, careers.

8. No question. Some apparent kinship between commitment & compulsion.

9. Who decide which & how? All with God more obvious.

a. Probe in bkgrd., friends, character, talents. Hidden in God's purposes.

b. Jesus left home. Shook stockings out of apron. why?
Never in work bond envy.