



This simple, but powerful tool, will help you assess where you are in your preparedness for persecution. Our prayer is that we will never have to face this experience, but Curtis Sergeant says that one of the reasons the American Church is weak is because we don't prepare ourselves for it.

Examination of Commitment

Name: _____ Date: _____

At what point in your disciple-making journey would you choose to turn back? There's no shame in your answer, it is simply a tool to prepare you for potential suffering and persecution. Your answer is between you and God and intended to be a diagnostic tool for you to grow in your commitment to serve God with your whole life. These are real life examples from people we know

Mark each answer on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 meaning "not obey at all at this time" to 10 meaning, "absolutely will obey this now".

Honesty is crucial - honesty with yourself and with God.

- 1.) If you sensed God's directing you to move to an inner city, or an extremely rural less populated area in your country, what would you do?

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- 2.) What would you do if you had the opportunity to triple your income with a new job, but you knew in your heart it would negatively impact your disciple-making work?

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- 3.) Would you continue if God asked you to distance yourself from your favorite activity, food, hobby, family or friends for the sake of a disciple-making call?

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- 4.) Would you continue if your career, your expertise and your position of authority and knowledge would be lost if you followed Jesus' direction in a disciple-making effort?

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5.) Would you continue if God called you to live on faith financially with no steady job?

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6.) Would you continue if following God's call to make disciples caused rejection from your extended family?

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7.) Would you continue if following your call meant your children's education and opportunities would be limited with substandard schools or having to home school?

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8.) Would you continue if your call led you to a foreign country with another primary language and you had to work outside your skills and training area?

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9.) Would you continue if your calling required you to be told what to do and follow orders from governments and social leaders that you didn't like?

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10.) Would you continue if in order to be obedient to your call, you had to give up conveniences of technology like computers, cellular connectivity and smart phones along with social media connections?

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11.) Would you continue if you or your family began to receive anonymous threatening or accusational letters in the mail on a regular basis?

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12.) Would you continue if you were called to move to a community and within the first 6 months your home was broken into 5 times?

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13.) Would you continue if your call required you to move to a restricted access country where your children may be imprisoned or worse if you were caught sharing the gospel?

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Pray and ask God if there is any area of your life that needs to be given to Him. Ask for his strength to take your commitment to serve Him just one baby step deeper.