



## **STANDING STRONG**

### **BEING YOUR BEST WHEN LIFE IS AT ITS WORST**

**(A STUDY OF 1 AND 2 PETER)**

#### **#2: STANDING STRONG THROUGH COMMITMENT—1 PETER 1:13-25**

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## **I. THE POWER OF COMMITMENT**

### **1. What is commitment?**

**Commitment is the character quality rooted in choice that empowers me to fulfill a promise, finish a job, accomplish a task, achieve a goal, and stay faithful to God despite the obstacles, problems, distractions or my emotions.**

### **2. Why is commitment powerful?**

**The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.**

**Vince Lombardi**

**Your commitments can develop you or destroy you, but either way, they will define you.**

**Rick Warren**

**Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.**

**Psalm 37:5 (NLT)**

**Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! God has given us a new birth because of his great mercy. We have been born into a new life that has a confidence which is alive because Jesus Christ has come back to life. We have been born into a new life which has an inheritance that can't be destroyed or corrupted and can't fade away. That inheritance is kept in heaven for you, since you are guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time. You are extremely happy about these things, even though you have to suffer different kinds of trouble for a little while now.**

**1 Peter 1:3-6 (GWT)**

## **II. HOW TO STAND STRONG THROUGH COMMITMENT – 1 PETER 1:13-25**

**I must have a...**

### **1. Commitment to new thinking (v.13)**

Ten thousand thoughts a day pass through our minds...and they try to predict what we will become.

**A.W. Tozer**

For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he.  
Proverbs 23:7a (NKJV)

Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.  
Proverbs 4:23 (TEV)

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

### **2. Commitment to transformed living (v.14-16)**

### **3. Commitment to gratitude to God (v.17-21)**

### **4. Commitment to loving others (v.22-25)**

Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.  
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