

Commitment:

The Timothy Charge is all about *growing, serving, reaching and leading*. We desire that each young person involved grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We must realize that this takes *time and commitment*. Think about how much time and excitement one puts into a dating relationship (hours on the phone, time spent together, etc.). Consider what it would be like if you were dating someone but rarely spent any time with them or time listening and talking with them, and you rarely showed your commitment to working on the relationship. Would that relationship last or be fruitful? The obvious answer is no. The same applies to our relationship with Jesus. We must spend time with Him and time listening and talking to Him, and be committed to growing in our relationship with Him. When this growth starts maturing, the natural progression is to get involved in service and evangelism. These are what God calls all Christians, young or old to do (Romans ch. 12-15; 1 Corinthians 9:23-27; 12:7; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Timothy 4:1-5).

This commitment form is designed to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and from that to begin to fulfill the calling to serve and evangelize that He has given to each of His followers. We firmly believe that the best way for a commitment to be successful is through accountability. Therefore, we have made accountability a big part of the Timothy Charge. *Please consider these commitments seriously, and don't sign the form unless you are serious before God to do what you have said.*

1. **I commit to read God's Word, memorize scripture, and talk to the Lord in prayer on a regular, consistent basis.**
 - ◆ I will keep a written Bible journal and prayer log which I will be held accountable for by my Timothy Charge Advisor.
 - ◆ Based on my spiritual maturity, I will choose a time (15 min. a day, 5 days a week; 10 min. a day, 4 days a week; 20 min. a day, 6 days a week, etc.) which is both reachable and challenging to me (Be sure not to over-commit or under-commit).
2. **I commit to attend my home church on a regular, consistent basis.**
 - ◆ I will take notes of the sermons to show that I am genuinely listening and trying to learn.
 - ◆ My Timothy Charge Advisor will regularly look over my notes to see that they are genuine and to help answer any questions I may have.
3. **I commit to find a way to become involved in Christian service through my local church.**
 - ◆ My Timothy Charge Advisor will help me decide if I am ready for a weekly service or if I should help with a few special service events throughout the year, or both.
 - ◆ My advisor will also help evaluate how I am doing in my Christian Service.
4. **I commit to actively and diligently participate in a sound, instructive Bible class.**
 - ◆ I will enroll in one of the Discipleship classes provided by InFaith/Shiloh, or find an approved substitute class.
 - ◆ My Timothy Charge Advisor or my class instructor will help hold me accountable to coming on a regular, consistent basis and see that I am completing the studies and lessons given.
 - ◆ If I must miss a class, I will see my Advisor or Instructor and find out what I missed and complete any missed studies or lessons.
5. **I commit to strive to become actively involved in reaching my friends and peers for Jesus Christ.**
 - ◆ I will find a way to help with and participate in outreach events put on by my local church and/or InFaith and Shiloh Bible Camp.
 - ◆ I will strive to learn how and become a witness to my friends and peers on a personal, relational basis.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Timothy Charge Advisor's Signature: _____

Date: _____