CHURCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED
What Can I Do?

- Make visitors feel welcome and comfortable
  I have initiated a conversation with someone I didn’t know at church _____ times since January 1st.

- Reserve the best parking spaces and seats for visitors
  I have been sitting toward the front of the sanctuary (in front of the “split pews”) since January 1st. _____

- Obey the “three minute rule” after service
  I consistently initiate conversations with people I don’t know following each service. _____

- Include visitors in your circle of fellowship after church
  I have taken _____ people I didn’t know or know well out to lunch following a service since January 1st.

- Accept people for who they are – let God change them
  I am involved in relationship with people who have not yet conformed to our holiness standards. _____

- Worship and respond without being prompted
  I consistently worship without being asked, and respond immediately to the altar invitation. _____

- No program can make up for a lack of love for the lost
  I am faithfully praying for our new converts, visitors, and the growth of our church. _____
“Nothing is easier than saying words. Nothing is harder than living them day after day.”
- Arthur Gordon

“What people say, what people do, and what they say they do are entirely different things.”
- Margaret Mead, Anthropologist

“Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don’t quit.”
- Conrad Hilton, Hotel Executive

“Success on any major scale requires you to accept responsibility … In the final analysis, the one quality that all successful people have is the ability to take on responsibility.”
- Michael Korda, Editor-in-chief of Simon & Schuster

“Commitment is the enemy of resistance, for it is the serious promise to press on, to get up, no matter how many times you are knocked down.”
- David McNally

“People do not follow uncommitted leaders. Commitment can be displayed in a full range of matters to include the work hours you choose to maintain, how you work to improve your abilities, or what you do for your fellow workers at personal sacrifice.”
- Steven Gregg, Chairman and CEO of Ethix Corp.

“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.”
- Calvin Coolidge, American President

“Of all the things a leader should fear, complacency should head the list.”
- John C. Maxwell

“There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.”
- John F. Kennedy, American President

“Even the right decision is the wrong decision if it is made too late.”
- Lee Iacocca, Chrysler Chairman

“The future belongs to those who see possibilities before they become obvious.”
- John Sculley, CEO of Apple Computer

“The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem you had last year.”
- John Foster Dulles, US Secretary of State

THE CASE FOR COMMITMENT

- Commitment starts with the ______________________
- The real measure of commitment is _________________
- Commitment opens the door to _________________

FOUR TYPES OF PEOPLE

- ______ outs. They cannot see the goal, and refuse to commit to anything.
- ______ outs. They doubt that the goal can be reached, so they “wait and see” before committing.
- ______ outs. They join in starting toward the goal, but drop their commitment when the going gets tough.
- _____ outs. They believe in the goal and commit to it, then help pay the price to reach it.

MEASURING COMMITMENT

Sometimes we think we are committed to something, but our actions indicate otherwise. Do your actions match your talk? Will what you did today help you reach the goal?

THE EDISON METHOD

When he had a good idea for an invention, Thomas Edison would call a press conference to announce it. Then he’d go to his lab and invent it. By making his plans public, he committed himself to following through with them!