

**Introduction: “Risk, reason, and the decision making process”**

– Excerpt from *Harvard Business Review*

**Case Study #1 – John’s Civil War Coins**

**Case Study #2 – Sheila’s Picasso**

**Questions to ponder:**

- What are the risks?
- What are the potential rewards?
- What would you do?
- Why?

**Observations & Analysis:**

## Case Study #3 – Ancient Treasure

*<sup>44</sup>The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

*<sup>45</sup>Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”*

Jesus – Matthew 13:44-46

- **Observations**

- **Thesis** – Total surrender is the **CHANNEL** through which God’s best and biggest blessings flow.

- **Definition** – “Total commitment is the alignment of one’s motives, resources, priorities, and goals to fulfill a specific mission, accomplish a specific task, or follow a specific person.”

– Webster’s Dictionary

- **Spiritual Insight** – Through which lens do you view total commitment?

| Positive      | vs. | Negative      |
|---------------|-----|---------------|
| Wise          |     | Sacrifice     |
| Logical       |     | Self-Denial   |
| Shrewd        |     | Noble, Martyr |
| Re-evaluation |     | Renunciation  |

**The Problem: What does total commitment look like in our**

## relationship with God? How does it work?

### The Answer:

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."*

Romans 12:1

### The Command: "OFFER your bodies"

### The Motivation: "The MERCY of God"

### The Reason: "Spiritual act of WORSHIP."

### What does He want most?

1. He wants you!
2. All that you are and all that you have fully surrendered to Him.

### Why surrender to His Lordship?

Psalm 84:11

Because total surrender is the channel through which God's best and biggest blessings flow.

### The Question: Are you ALL IN?

### Personal Application Questions:

1. How has your view of commitment changed?

2. Why do most Christians miss out on God's best for their life?

3. What most keeps you from being "all in?"

4. What would it look like to surrender all to Christ today?

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**THE BLANK CHECK OF MY LIFE**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jesus Christ

Amount All I am, All I have 100%

MEMO \_\_\_\_\_ AUTHORIZED BY \_\_\_\_\_

A PROVEN PATHWAY TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

