

## **CHAPTER 3: COMMITTED**

### **There Are No Half-hearted Champions**

"Ordinary people with commitment can make an extraordinary impact on their world."  
John Maxwell

Although commitment is often associated with emotion, true commitment is a character quality that enables us to reach our goals.

Things every team player needs to know about commitment:

1) Commitment usually is discovered in the midst of adversity -- adversity reveals commitment. Committed people don't surrender easily!

2) Commitment does not depend on gifts or abilities. If we commit ourselves to using the talent(s) we have, we will often find that we have more talent(s) and more to offer our team as a result of our commitment.

3) Commitment is the result of choice, not conditions. When you choose commitment, you give yourself a chance for success!

4) Commitment lasts when it's based on values. A commitment to something you believe in is easier to keep.

Test your level of commitment:

- \* Are your commitments tied to your values?
- \* Are you willing to take risks for your commitments?
- \* Are your commitments aligned with the goals of your team?

"Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it."  
George Halas, former owner of the NFL Chicago Bears

I am committed to finding additional funding for our Parents as Teachers (PAT) program and early literacy initiative. For the past 4 years, I have completed the federal Early Reading First application and each year the pre-application has been denied. I will continue to submit an application every year that the grant is available because I am committed to obtaining money that supports our programs and fosters early literacy skills. Besides, at some point they are bound to figure out that I'm not going away so they might as well fund our grant proposal!! :-0

Remember, no goal was ever achieved without someone being committed to achieving it!

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