

COMMITMENT
(Chastity, Dependability, Fidelity, Loyalty)

Defined:

Dictionary: (Commitment): ...5. to bind as by a promise; pledge...

(Chaste): 1. not indulging in unlawful sexual activity; virtuous;...3. pure; decent; modest;...

(Fidelity): 1. faithful devotion to duty, obligations or vows...

Eyres: (Chastity & Fidelity): The value and security of fidelity within marriage and of restraint and limits before marriage. The commitments that go with marriage and that should go with sex. a grasp of the long-range (and widespread) consequences that can result from sexual amorality and infidelity.

Dictionary: (Depend/Dependability): ...2. to be sure of; rely (on)...

(Loyal/Loyalty): 1. faithful to one's country
2. faithful to those persons, ideals, etc. that one is under obligation to defend or support... / quality, state, or instance of being loyal; faithful adherence, etc.

Eyres: (Loyalty & Dependability): Loyalty to family, to employers, to country, church, schools, and other organizations and institutions to which commitments are made. Support, service, contribution. Reliability and consistency in doing what you say you will do.

EYFL: Vince Lombardi, the former, great coach of the Green Bay Packers, believed that the amount of success a person enjoys is directly dependent upon his **commitment** to excellence.

Chastity, fidelity, dependability and loyalty are values that all seem to be a part of commitment. We make many commitments in our lives, football is one of those. By registering to play in the Everest Youth

Football League, you are expected to commit yourself to:

1. Your parents' rules.
2. Your school's rules.
3. The League's rules.
4. Your Team's rules.
5. Your Coach and your Teammates.

These commitments mean that you will have to:

1. Be **Chaste**; i.e., pure, decent and modest toward the people and organizations listed above.
2. Be faithful and devoted (**Fidelity**) to those listed above.
3. Be **Dependable**; i.e., able to be relied upon by those listed above.
4. Be **Loyal**; i.e., believe in, stay with and defend, those listed above.

You will have to become committed to anything in life that you hope will be successful. Your two biggest commitments in life will probably be your career and your marriage. Of the two, hopefully your marriage will be of most importance. This makes sense because marriage is meant to be a life-long commitment; something none of our other commitments are. Even our careers end in retirement, if we are lucky.

Marriage is such an important commitment the promise is made both publicly and privately. The public commitment is made in front of many witnesses when we exchange vows, usually in church. The witnesses are there to verify that we made the verbal commitment to stay together forever.

Pre-marital sex lacks the true commitment to each other. If a couple are not yet prepared to verbalize their commitment to one another before a marrying official and witnesses and if they can not postpone sex until they have made those verbal vows, then they are not really committed to each other. As a truly committed football player is willing to put in the hard work of training for the start of the season, so to the truly committed boyfriend/girlfriend will put in the hard work of postponing sex until the verbal vows have been made.