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Without commitment, nothing worth doing can be accomplished. To me, commitment means giving one's self to a cause, regardless of the sacrifices or costs. Commitment means that whatever a person does, he or she will do it to the fullest of his or her abilities, focusing fully on the task, giving his or her all. Therefore, commitment requires a large degree of devotion and focus. It is rarely easy to put all of one's self into something, and thus, most individuals lack the commitment that lead to a worthwhile, purposeful life.

As a student, there are many ways to exhibit commitment. Foremost, a student can determine to learn his or her scholastic materiel. This requires commitment because schoolwork is an essential aspect of school, but is not often "fun" or "entertaining." Many people (myself included) do not want to give the extra time or effort necessary for schoolwork. In this respect, commitment is vital, but commitment is deeper than that. While at school, the commitment-driven person will be set on exceeding in his or her classes, going beyond the status quo. At school, a purposeful individual will be committed because he or she knows that if he or she is committed now, great benefits will be reaped in the future.

The committed student at home will first off do his or her homework in order to honor the commitment at school. But once again, commitment requires more. The committed student will abstain from things that would be injurious to his or her scholastic achievement. Drugs and alcohol are two major hindrances to be avoided by someone who is committed. Likely, someone who is truly committed at home will prepare for the future. The most common way to do this is a hobby. Many hobbies are interesting, but simultaneously teaching tools. Many individuals have gone on to career fields that incorporate past hobbies.

History provides thousands of examples of individuals who have accomplished great feats because of commitment. Gandhi is one who especially showed commitment. He sought to gain

freedom for India from imperialistic Britain. In order to do so, he went so far as to fast to the point near-starvation. This fits all of the requirements for commitment. He made sacrifices of both time and wellbeing. In his eyes, the cause of freedom, to which he was committed, was worth the risk of death. This is true commitment. Gandhi was focused and he gave his all.

Commitment is the key to success. Nearly every story of men that have overcome great odds includes commitment. Everyone has a dream, but few ever achieve their dreams. When someone becomes committed to accomplishing a dream, he or she will take daily steps to accomplish that dream. That is how commitment affects daily lives. The path of commitment is difficult to walk. That is why so few do.