

# #6 Today's Commitment Gives Me Tenacity

## Why Commitment Matters Today

1. Commitment can \_\_\_\_\_ your life.

In *Choices*, Frederic F. Flach writes, “Most people can look back over the years and identify a time and place at which their lives changed significantly. Whether by accident or design, these are the moments when, because of a readiness within us and a collaboration with events occurring around us, we are forced to seriously reappraise ourselves and the conditions under which we live and to make certain choices that will affect the rest of our lives.”

2. Commitment helps you \_\_\_\_\_ many of life's obstacles.

One of the most common mistakes and one of the costliest is thinking that success is due to some genius, some magic something or other which we do not possess.

*“Success is generally due to holding on and failure to let go. You decide to learn a language, study music, take a course in reading, train yourself physically. Will it be a success or failure? It depends upon how much pluck and perseverance that word ‘decide’ contains. The decision that nothing will overrule, the grip that nothing can detach will bring success.”*

— MALTIE BABCOCK

3. Every day your commitment will be \_\_\_\_\_ .

I think many people see commitment as an event, something that is done in a moment. They say “I do” in a wedding ceremony. They shake hands to close a business deal. They buy a treadmill so that they will exercise. But the commitment doesn't end with that decision; it's just getting started.

*“The moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issue from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance which no man could have dreamed would come his way.”*

— WILLIAM H. MURRAY

My friend Ken Blanchard says, “When you're interested in something, you do it only when it's convenient. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results.”