

IronWorks – Friday May 1, 2009 & Wednesday May 6, 2009

Sword Mastery: Cutting through Chaos.

MASTERING COMMITMENTS

Teacher – LEARY GATES

“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 3:14

A SWORDMASTER ENLARGES HIS COMMITMENTS BY:

1. CUTTING A CLEARING

“The essence of intelligence would seem to be in knowing when to think and act quickly, and knowing when to think and act slowly.”

Robert J. Sternberg, PhD

2. CONSIDERING HIS CALLING

Three purposeful considerations: (Philippians 3:7-16)

COMMANDING (Phil 3:7)

CALCULATING (Phil 3:8)

COMPELLING (Phil 3:12)

Commitment queries:

Is it consistent with my gifting, experiences and sense of calling?

Does it benefit those I have a burden for?

Does it appear compelling – sense God’s leading now?

Will it increase my faith and dependence on God?

3. CONSCRIPTING A COMRADE

Comrade queries:

What is the condition of my heart?

Am I succumbing to a lesser god?

Am I purposeful in my pursuits – is there a method to my madness?

Am I avoiding a difficult decision?

Am I trapped by faulty thinking?

Exercise: Ask at least three people who know you well what they would say you are committed to. Ask them also to tell you how they’ve seen you change in that area. Schedule two hours away God sometime in the next two weeks – bring a notebook and your Bible. Ask for a God-size, faith stretching commitment.