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A New Commitment I give to...ME!

Over much of the past year I've written about and wrestled with COMMITMENT. It all started in 2002 when I got the idea to do a book called "***The 10 Commitments.***" At the time my publisher said, "*It's a catchy title, but I'm sure it's been done before.*" Nope. But even if it had, I still had to do this book.

So as you read this, my second book is in publication. Almost 2 years ago I made a conscious decision to "position" myself as a writer and a consultant who speaks...not as just "a speaker." I committed to writing. I was already writing at the time and had been for years in my journals, but I began writing more, on a consistent basis. Writing for publication, writing to influence, or just to capture ideas (taking notes). I committed to it. Consistency (*continuing*) is a big key in any commitment. Not only has it made a giant impact on my business and what I do, but who I am as well.

As we roll the calendar over into a brand new year, how will you write your new script? **What's your vision or mission or passion or purpose for 2005?** What will you commit to? Not a resolution, but a commitment. There's a big difference. And what I've found is that before you can commit... to anyone or anything, you must BELIEVE. You must believe in something, or there is little or no foundation to build upon.

Walt Disney once said of making dreams come true, *"When you believe in a thing, believe in it all the way, implicitly and unquestionably."* I have my own list of things that I believe in. *Do you have one?*

If not (*or even if it's not written down*), I encourage you to make a list. Making a list is a powerful thing that can begin a process. A process that may lead you to greater achievements and incredible accomplishments... in life and in your work.

One of my favorite list of *"things to believe in"* comes from a book by Merrill Oster and Mike Hamel called *The Entrepreneur's Creed...* Here's their list...

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MAIL:

Michael,
I wanted to thank you for your inspiration just a few months ago you encouraged me to follow my dream of writing books. Well I met with my copyright attorney today

My first book is now official, and the second is already in the works
One can not put a price on true inspiration. Thank you so much.

Roger

Roger, How true. Inspiration is like jet fuel. Congratulations on making a commitment and turning your inspiration into results. What a great way to start out the new year, as an author or whatever it is you want to become. "Big" really is available. Thanks for your note,

Michael

BOOKS:

(What Michael's reading.)

How to Be Like Walt by Pat Williams and Jim Denny.

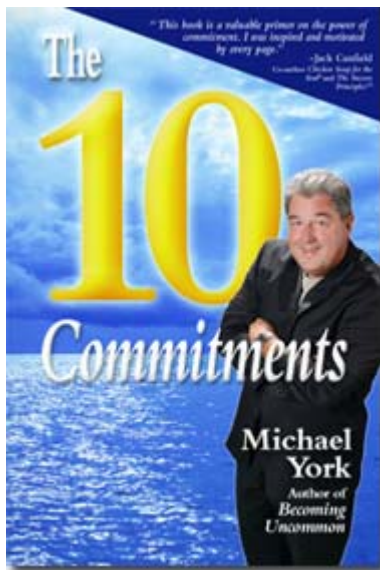
On a recent trip to Orlando, Pat gave me a copy of his book and I've scarcely been able to put it down. I love Disney and love how Pat

delivered the story of Walt while adding in his own "lists" and ideas of how to be more like him. I highly recommend this book.

The Little Red Book of Selling by Jeffrey Gitomer.

Jeffrey has done it again. This book is COOL. It looks cool and it even feels cool in your hands. It's different, and it's packed with practical and radical selling instruction. From the author of the Sales Bible and one of the premier master salesmen and speakers of the day. If you want to be better at selling you should read this book.

Announcement: (Get Committed!)



The 10 Commitments, Michael's new book is now available for "pre-orders!" Reserve your copy now and get one of the first 100 books, numbered and signed personally by Michael! This is a "first edition" copy of a book that Jack Canfield (*Chicken Soup for the Soul®*) calls ***"A valuable primer on the power of commitment. I was inspired and motivated by every page!"*** Be one of the first 100 to get this book from the author of **Becoming Uncommon**. \$14.95 with FREE SHIPPING for a limited time!

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