

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP LUKE 9:57-62

INTRODUCTION:

Discipleship is a journey, a total commitment, a direction of one's life toward becoming like Christ by following Christ. **“And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God”** (Luke 9:62).

- I. Count The Cost** (vv. 57-58)
- A. In the first encounter, the man said to Jesus, I will follow You wherever you go** (v. 57).
 - B. Jesus responded to this man** – foxes have holes and birds have nest, but I do not have a place to lay My head (v. 58).
 - C. Jesus is saying to this man** – following Me does not mean wealth, comfort, and ease.
 - D. The cost of following Jesus is:**
 - 1. Rejection** (Luke 9:51-53)
 - 2. Separation from Worldliness** – Idolatry, ungodliness, and sin
 - 3. Sacrifice** – Christ sacrificed and gave all, both Himself and all He had for us. He died for our sins.
- II. Be Obedient – Follow Immediately** (vv. 59-60)
- A. In the second encounter, Jesus invited this man to follow Him** (v. 59a).
 - B. The man replied to Jesus** – “Lord, let me first go and bury my father (v. 59b).
 - C. Jesus told this man** – “Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the Kingdom of God (v. 60).
 - D. This man had divided attention.** The call of God came to this man, yet he hesitated.
 - E. Jesus demanded two things of this man** – A sense of urgency (v. 59) and to go and preach the Kingdom of God (v. 60).
- III. Do Not Look Back** (vv. 61-62)
- A. In the third encounter, this man offered himself to Jesus,** “Lord, I will follow thee but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at my house” (v. 61).
 - B. “And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God”** (Luke 9:62).
 - C. This man was willing to follow Jesus. However, he had a double allegiance -**
 - D. This man could have been concerned about his family and wanted to seek advice from them in order to see how they felt about his decision.**

CONCLUSION:

- A.** We need to ask ourselves, are we looking back? Am I totally committed to Jesus? God wants your heart (Matt 22:37-39), and this is demonstrated by your actions (James 2:14-26).
- B. Kingdom of God**
- C. Keep Your Hand on the Plow**
- D. The ABC's of Salvation**
 - **A**dmit That You Are A Sinner (Rom 3:23); **B**elieve On Christ Acts 16:31); and **C**onfess Your Faith (Rom 10:9-10).

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).