

Are You Fit For The Kingdom?

Luke 9:57-62

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■ "No man..."

—Mt. 6:24; Jno. 6:44; Gal. 3:11

■ Contrast to "any man." Acts 10:34-35

—Mt. 16:24; Gal. 1:9; Rev. 3:20; Rev. 22:18-19; Cf. 2 Cor. 5:17

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■ "Having Put His Hand To The Plow..."

—Humbly submits himself in obedience.
Jno. 8:24; Lk. 13:3; Mt. 10:32; Acts 2:38;
Jno. 3:5

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■ "And Looking Back..." Lk. 17:32; Phil. 3:12ff

—Cf. "Once saved always saved."

■ Heb. 3:12; 4:11; 10:26-29; 10:32ff

■ 1 Cor. 9:27

■ Gal. 4:9; 5:1-4,7

■ 2 Pet. 2:14-15, 20-22

■ 1 Tim. 1:19-20; 4:1; 5:8; 6:10, 21

■ 2 Tim. 2:18

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■ "And Looking Back..."

■ Must stay focused. (Heb. 12:1ff)

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■ May Look Back To...

- Worldly pleasures. (Prov. 21:17;
2 Thess. 2:12; Heb. 11:24-25; 2 Tim. 3:4)
- Worldly riches. (1 Tim. 6:9-10; Lk. 12:16-21;
Mk. 1:24; 1 Tim. 6:19)
- Worldly cares. (Lk. 10:38-42; Lk. 9:59-60;
Lk. 21:34; Mk. 6:33)

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■ “Is Fit For The Kingdom Of God.”

2 Pet. 2:20ff

- Christ gave Himself for the church.
Eph. 5:25-27
- He desires it to remain pure.
cf. 1 Cor. 6:9-11
- At the judgment the unfaithful will be
cast out. Mt. 13:41-42; Mt. 7:13-14

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■ Conclusion:

- Those who are committed never offer
excuses! Lk. 14:15ff
- Those who are committed never allow
others to interfere with his privileges,
duties and responsibilities as a child of
God. Mt. 10:34
- Once he puts his hand to the plow, he
never looks back. Phil. 3:13ff