

Three Hindrances To Discipleship

Luke 9:57-62

- I. Impulsiveness: Verses 57-58
- To decide to follow Jesus by impulse is fatal
 - Jesus emphasized the cost of following Him:
 - cf. Matthew 16:24-25; Luke 14:27-30, 34
 - * requires self-denial: John 6:67-68; Luke 22:41-42; Galatians 2:20
 - * faithfulness to the doctrine of Christ: 2 John 9; 1 John 1:7
 - * from the heart steadfastness: 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 2:6-7

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- II. Procrastination: Verses 59-60
- This man's reply suggests a willingness to put off what's most important for other things
 - * Earthly responsibilities (family, work, etc.) are important, and the Lord instructs regarding them: cf. Ephesians 5:15 – 6:9
 - * But discipleship to the Lord cannot be postponed: Luke 10:38-42
 - Jesus doesn't say to neglect earthly responsibilities, but we must "redeem the time" and not delay the spiritual for earthly: Ephesians 5:15-16; Galatians 6:10

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- Procrastination is a common problem met with many excuses:
 - "I don't have time" Psalms 119:59-62
 - "Wait until I'm older" Ecclesiastes 12:1
 - "I don't know enough" 2 Timothy 2:15
 - "Convenient season" Act 24:25
 - "Wait until I'm financially secure" Matthew 19:22

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- III. Divided Affection: 61-62
- "I will follow thee Lord, BUT FIRST LET ME ..."
 - Lord's response regarding plowing is a warning against divided affections: Matthew 6:19ff.; verse 33; Colossians 3:1-2
 - * Can't plow if you're not attentive to it: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Philippians 3:7, 13
 - * Remember Lot's wife: Luke 17:32
 - Earthly interests, however dear, must never come before the Lord: Matthew 10:34-38