

Are You Fit For The Kingdom?

Luke 9:57-62

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Luke 9:62 "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

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"No man ..."

- **Matthew 6:24 UNIVERSAL**
 - Contrast to *"any man."* **Acts 10:34-35**
 - Galatians 1:9; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17

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"Having Put His Hand To The Plow ..." **STARTING OUT**

- Humbly submits himself in obedience. **John 8:24 Faith**
- Luke 13:3 Repentance**
- Matthew 10:32 Confession**
- Acts 2:38 Baptism**

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"And Looking Back ..." **UNBELIEF**

Luke 17:32 "Remember Lot's Wife" (Gen. 19:17, 26)

cf. Philippians 3:12-14

- cf. "Once saved always saved."
- **Hebrews 3:12; 4:11; 10:26-29; 10:32ff**
- **Galatians 4:9; 5:1-4,7**

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"And Looking Back ..."

- **Must stay focused. (Hebrews 12:1-2; cf. Chapter 11)**

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■ May Look Back To ...

- Worldly pleasures. (2 Thessalonians 2:12; Hebrews 11:24-25; 2 Timothy 3:4)
- Worldly riches. (1 Timothy 6:9-10; Luke 12:16-21; 1 Timothy 6:19)
- Worldly cares. (Luke 8:14; Luke 14:15ff)

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■ **"Is Fit For The Kingdom Of God."** **2 Peter 2:20-22**

– Christ gave Himself for the church.

*Ephesians 5:25-27, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it ... that he might present the church to himself a **glorious** (church), **not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing**; but that it should be **holy** and **without blemish**."*

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■ Conclusion:

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

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