

What Must You Give Up to Follow Jesus?

Lessons from the Master – Part 3

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Luke 9:23 (ESV) And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:24 (ESV) For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

John 10:27 (ESV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

1. Become like a _____

Luke 18:15 (ESV) Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

Luke 18:16 (ESV) But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

Luke 18:17 (ESV) Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

2. Give up your _____

Luke 18:18-19 (ESV) And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

Luke 18:20-21 (ESV) You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.”

Luke 18:22-23 (ESV) When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

Luke 18:24-25 (ESV) Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

Luke 18:26-28 (ESV) Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” And Peter said, “See, we have left our homes and followed you.”

Luke 18:29-30 (ESV) And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

3. Give up your _____

Luke 18:31-32 (ESV) And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.

Luke 18:33-34 (ESV) And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

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Study Guide

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Intro. Why do you think the message title this is a common question?

How would you explain the conditions Jesus gave for following Him in Luke 9:23?

What are the different lives that Jesus is talking about in Luke 9:24?

What does hearing Jesus' voice have to do with following Him (John 10:27)?

1A. Why do you think the disciples rebuked people for bringing their babies to Jesus (Luke 18:15)?

1B. In what ways does the kingdom of God belong to children (Luke 18:16)?

1C. How does a person receive the kingdom of God like a child (Luke 18:17)?

1D. How can you grow more like a child in receiving the kingdom?

2A. What was wrong with the ruler calling Jesus a good teacher (Luke 18:18-19)?

2B. What did the ruler's reply to Jesus' question about the commandments tell us about him (Luke 18:20-21)?

2C. Why was the ruler sad at Jesus' answer to his question (Luke 18:22-23)?

2D. Why is it difficult for rich people to enter the kingdom of God (Luke 18:24-25)?

2E. According to Jesus in Luke 18:26-28, can rich people be saved? Why?

2F. What are the rewards for giving up possessions to follow Jesus (Luke 18:29-30)?

2G. Does Jesus' exact command to the rich ruler apply to all of us? Why or why not?

3A. What is significant about everything the prophets wrote about the Messiah being fulfilled in Jesus (Luke 18:31-32)?

3B. Why did the disciples not understand what Jesus was prophesying (Luke 18:33-34)?

3C. How is Jesus' death an example for us to follow by laying down our lives?