

Jesus Spells Out the High Expectations for Following Him
(Luke 9:57-62)

<p>⁵⁷ Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, <i>that</i> someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."</p>	<p>Potential Follower #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____: I will follow you... • _____: Wherever You go
<p>⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air <i>have</i> nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay <i>His</i> head."</p>	<p>Jesus' Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not for _____ • Not for _____ • Not for _____ • Not for _____ • Not for _____
<p>⁵⁹ Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."</p>	<p>Potential Follower #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____: Follow me • _____: First, a funeral...
<p>⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."</p>	<p>Jesus' Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Command: _____ kindred • Command: _____ the kingdom
<p>⁶¹ And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go <i>and</i> bid them farewell who are at my house."</p>	<p>Potential Follower #3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____: I will follow you... • _____: First, a farewell...
<p>⁶² But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."</p>	<p>Jesus' Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plowing _____ • Looking _____

Six Considerations

1. **The _____: Heading to Jerusalem**
2. **The _____: The final stretch – last opportunity**
3. **The Tasks: (1) _____; & (2) _____ the kingdom of God**
4. **The Similarities to OT _____ Restrictions**

5. The Similarities to NT _____ Requirements

- Expect _____**
 - 2 Tim 1:8** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,
 - 2 Tim 2:3** You therefore must endure¹ hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
 - 2 Tim 2:9** for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.
 - 2 Tim 4:5** But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
- Avoid _____**
 - 2 Tim 2:4** No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.
 - NAU **2 Tim 2:4** No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.
- Wage _____**
 - 1 Tim 1:18** This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,
 - 2 Tim 4:7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

6. The Dissimilarities to _____ Followers

- Husbands/Fathers (Eph 5:25-33; 1 Tim 5:8; Eph 6:4)*
- Wives/Mothers (Eph 5:22-24; 1 Tim 2:15; Titus 2:3-5)*
- Children (Eph 6:1-3)*
- Servants (Eph 6:5-8; Col 3:22)*

Application to Our Lives:

- We work _____ our callings for God's purposes
- God calls some to lead with _____ expectations
- When God's priorities dictate, we _____ for Him
- When God's priorities dictate, we _____ family duties
- When God's priorities dictate, we _____ relational closeness