

Are You Fit For The Kingdom?

Luke 9:57-62

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
- 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..."**
- 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..."**
- Luke 17:32 "Remember Lot's Wife"** (Genesis 19:17, 26)
- cf. **Philippians 3:12ff**
- 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 12:1ff)

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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 10:38-42; Luke 8:14; Luke 14:15ff)

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■ ***“Is Fit For The Kingdom Of God.”*** 2

Peter 2:20ff

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

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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