

“Three Men, Three Choices”

Luke 9:57-62

Introduction

- I. When presented with the decision of whether or not to follow the Lord, different individuals will have different reactions.
 - A. Proof of such reactions is recorded in Luke 9:57-62.
 - B. Each had the same opportunity, but each had their own obstacles.
- II. How sure are we that we are going to follow the Lord, no matter what?

Discussion

- I. Man #1 (Luke 9:57-58)
 - A. Here is a man that made a bold statement of being willing to follow Jesus anywhere the Lord would go.
 - B. He is quickly reminded of what that decision might mean for him (cf. Mark 4:16-17).
 - C. Following Jesus does not guarantee luxury or ease (Luke 14:26-33; Matt. 10:21-22; John 16:1-4).
- II. Man #2 (Luke 9:59-60)
 - A. Here is a man that is given a command to obey, but instead, he gave a “reason/excuse” for delaying obedience.
 - B. He did not explicitly say no, rather he wanted more time [procrastination] (Prov. 27:1; 20:4; James 4:17; Eccl. 9:10).
 - C. Nothing should come before following the Lord, and nothing should delay me from doing right, right now (Matt. 6:33; John 9:4).
- III. Man #3 (Luke 9:61-62)
 - A. Here is a man that showed characteristics of the first two.
 - B. He is taught an important lesson about finishing what you start (Col. 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 1:13; Heb. 12:1-3; Rev. 2:1-5).
 - C. Going backward must never be what defines a Christian's life (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

Conclusion

- I. Different men will react differently when it comes to following the Lord.
- II. We must not be like the three mentioned in Luke 9, but rather follow Jesus all the way to Heaven (John 14:1-3).