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GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT JESUS
Becoming a Fully Devoted Follower
Luke 10:1-20

Jesus spoke many words that give cause for serious reflection. In **Luke 9:23** we read His invitation to all who would follow Him:

“If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”

Jesus invites everyone who is willing to place their faith in Him and embark on a journey of discovering the only way to real life. It is a serious call to a life of discipleship, to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus. Let’s discover what that looks like.

1. **A fully devoted follower of Jesus is God’s person.**

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them...” **Luke 10:1 (NIV)**

“I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of His power.” **Ephesians 3:7 (NIV)**

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” **Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)**

2. **A fully devoted follower of Jesus needs a partner.**

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of Him to every town and place where He was about to go.” **Luke 10:1 (NIV)**

a. **For credibility.**

b. **For accountability.**

“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.”
Matthew 18:19 (NIV)

3. **A fully devoted follower of Jesus is a person of prayer.**

“He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.’” **Luke 10:2-3 (NIV)**

*“Do all this in prayer, asking for God’s help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God’s people.”***Ephesians 6:18 (TEV)**

4. **A fully devoted follower of Jesus knows their purpose.**

“Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God is near you.’” **Luke 10:9 (NIV)**

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”
Luke 19:10 (NIV)

“So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to do everything I have commanded you.” **Matthew 28:19-20 (GW)**

5. **A fully devoted follower of Jesus lives in the power of Christ.**

“He replied, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.’”
Luke 10:18-19 (NIV)

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” **Romans 8:37 (NIV)**

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.”
Ephesians 6:10 (NIV)

6. **A fully devoted follower rejoices in the promise of Jesus.**

“However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” **Luke 10:20 (NIV)**

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through Him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” **2 Corinthians 1:20-22 (NIV)**

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus... May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.” **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (NIV)**