

What If You Walk Away

- Matthew 19:16-22 -

- A. *“Follow me”* is a reference to being a disciple. Some readily accept such a calling. Others do not (**Jn 6:66**)...
- B. It is astounding how many will accept such a request to follow if the subject is a ball game, drugs, TV, or shopping, but quickly refuse and walk away from a *“treasure in heaven”*.
1. _____
- A. _____ ?
1. The rich young ruler has his feet firmly planted in wealth. It is in what he could see and touch...
 2. What do you call on when times are difficult?
 3. **Luke 12:15** says you cannot trust riches.
 4. Consider **Ezek 7:17-19**...
- B. _____ ?
1. **Matthew 6:19** and **1 Pet 1:3-5**
 2. Do you treasure position and popularity?
 3. Would you rather be known as “having one of those” or “being one of His”?
- C. _____ ?
1. Many are offered the opportunity to *“come, follow me”* one time. Time gets shorter (**Jas 4:14; Job 14:1**).
 2. Felix looked for a *“convenient season”* (**Acts 24:25**)
 3. King Agrippa was *“Almost persuaded...”* (**Acts 26:28**)
 4. With the Christian, *“life”* is just beginning (**2 Cor 4:16-18**)
- D. **Be prepared for** _____
1. Peter *“walked away”* denying Jesus three times (**Mt 26:75**)
 2. The prodigal’s son requested his portion (**Lk 15:12**). He left home and spent his portion on riotous living (**v.13**)
 3. *“Sin will take you farther than you want to go; keep you longer than you want to stay; and cost you more than you want to pay.”* Note Jesus’ exhortation in **John 5:14**.
 4. Listen to **Proverbs 3:1-7** and the price of sin in **Gal 6:7,8**.
- E. _____
1. **James 1:22-25**. Do not look and go away. You are still responsible. To walk away leads to **Hebrews 6:4-6**.
 2. Jesus calls us to repentance (**Psalms 51:1-4,7,10**)
 3. Jesus issues a call to commitment. Follow Him. There is no one else to which you can turn...