

What Shall I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?
Part Five: What is the Evidence of Eternal Life
Matthew 19:23 – 30

²³ Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were utterly astonished and asked, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” ²⁷ Then Peter responded to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you. So what will there be for us?” ²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, in the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields because of my name will receive a hundred times more and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

The word follow “*akoloutheo*” means to follow, go after or with someone and was often used for soldiers who followed their leaders into battle or a slave who followed obediently after their master.

#1. Following Jesus requires a complete commitment to follow Him (V.27)

- Matthew 4:19
- Matthew 9:9
- Mark 1:17-20
- Luke 5:11
- Matthew 8:14-15

Are you fully committed to following Jesus?

#2. Following Jesus requires sacrifice (V.27, 29)

- Matthew 16:24-25
- Romans 12:1
- Matthew 19:29

What have you left behind to follow Jesus?

#3. Following Jesus requires us to continue or endure to the end of our life (Matthew 24:13)

- The word endures “*hypomeno*” means to hold onto Jesus in faith no matter the trials, tribulations, or persecutions that life throws at you – you continue to follow Jesus to the grave.
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- 1 Peter 2:21
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Will you finish the race of life?