



**The Best Investment Ever.**

We each have a life; a span of time, what we invest it in is basically our decision.

People invest there life in some strange things!!

Lee Redmond has spent 27 years growing her fingernails  
To a total length of 25 feet (7.62 meters).

Some people have spent there life in pursuit of many noble things such as:  
golf, train spotting, bird watching, cars, body building, fishing,  
..... and the list goes on.

In the light of this committing our life to following Jesus Christ is something  
worth looking at.

**Investing in following Jesus.**

Matt: 4:18-22

Mark 1:16-20

Luke 5:1-11

identical statement.

gives the full picture.

John’s record is an earlier encounter with Jesus. **John 1:35-51**

Greek word for Follow Matt/Mark

“dyoo-theh”

meaning come

“op-is-o”

meaning behind

Greek word for Follow in Luke

“ak-ol-oo-theh-o”

meaning same road.

Jesus does not point the way - He leads the way, He walks with us.

**1. The cost of following Jesus.**

**Matt: 8:18-22; Luke 9:57-62**

Fox holes and birds nests.

- We must be prepared to have nothing of this world's goods, as well as everything we need.
- We may be called to leave our family, home and friends for the Kingdom of God.

**Matt: 19:16-24**

A young man and his money.

- It is not the money; it is the place it holds in our life.

**John 6:60-69**

Saying it how it is.

- Jesus is not so much interested in making us feel good but in making us face the truth about ourselves.
- Peter and the others have found the truth.

**2 Cor: 11:23-27.**

Paul lists his sufferings.

**Rev: 6:9-11.**

The ultimate cost martyrdom.

## **2. The hindrances to following Jesus.**

**Luke 14:16-21**

What will hinder us?

- They lost sight of the true value of life.
- They all began to make excuses.
- They had wrong priority values.

Possessions  
Work and career  
Family  
Leisure

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## **3. The effects of following Jesus.**

2 Tim: 4:7-8

John 3:16

Rom: 8:1

John 10:10

Acts 2:44; 1 Peter 2:4

2 Peter 1:3

Gal: 5:22

Crown of life.

Salvation

No condemnation.

Abundant life

Family of God

All we need for life and Godliness

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-  
control,

constant companion.

power tools for living.

John 14:16-17

Acts 1-3

Sadly we choose to compromise and so we do not enjoy the effects of following Jesus.

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#### **4. The result of following Jesus.**

Church impacts the community

Christ builds His church

Peoples lives are changed

Prayer is answered

People become the family of God

People become the workmanship of God.

Acts 3.

Matt: 16:18

1 Cor: 14

Matt: 7:7.

1 Peter 2:10.

Eph: 2:10.

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- He is no fool who gives what he can not keep to gain what he can not lose.
  - We are constantly faced with great opportunities brilliantly disguised as unsolvable problems.

As he was offered freedom the 1<sup>st</sup> century church leader Polycarp said:  
*“86 years I have served Him and He has done me no wrong how then can I blaspheme my King”*. He was then martyred.

Jesus is worthy of our investment.