

not a fan.

(4) Following Jesus... Wherever/Whenever/Whatever

Luke 9:23...

*If anyone would come after me... he must **DENY HIMSELF...**
and **TAKE UP HIS CROSS... DAILY...** and **FOLLOW ME!***

FIRST FAN...

Luke 9:57...

*"They were walking along the road... a man said to him...
'I will **FOLLOW** you... **WHEREVER** you go...'"*

Verse 58...

*"Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests...
but the Son of Man **has no place to lay his head...**"*

*This First **FAN** says... "**I'll FOLLOW** you **WHEREVER!**"*

*And Jesus replies... "**What about... HERE?**"*

*When Jesus speaks about **FOLLOWING HIM...***

*He apparently means... that **YOU GO... WHEREVER... HE GOES!***

Larry Osborne...

*"A **CONSULTANT** is someone whose wisdom we highly value and listen to... but
at the end of the day... **WE MAKE THE FINAL DECISION...** That's why they're
called **CONSULTANTS!** Here's the **PROBLEM... GOD DOESN'T DO**
CONSULTING! Never has... Never will... **HE DOES GOD!** And when we treat
Him as a **CONSULTANT... He simply stops showing up for the meetings!"***

JESUS WANTS FOLLOWERS... *Who will say **YES** to Him...
Before they even know the **REQUEST** from Him!*

*The **PLACES** where we might say **YES** to **GOD...** may mean saying **NO** to **ME!***

SECOND FAN...

Luke 9:59-60...

*“He (Jesus) said to another man... ‘**FOLLOW ME.**’ But the man replied... ‘Lord... **first** let me go and bury my father.’ Jesus said to him... ‘Let the dead bury their own dead... but you go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.’”*

*This Second **FAN** implies... “**I’II FOLLOW you WHENEVER!**”*

*And Jesus replies... “**What about... NOW?**”*

*He wants to **FOLLOW JESUS**... but **NOW**... just isn’t a good time!*

“FOLLOW ME!”
(Matthew 4:18-20)

*Peter and Andrew... **AT ONCE**... left their nets and **FOLLOWED HIM!***

*James and John... **IMMEDIATELY**... left the boat **AND** their **FATHER**... and **FOLLOWED HIM!***

“AT ONCE” and **“IMMEDIATELY”**...

*Is the **COMMITMENT** that **JESUS** was/is looking for... in **HIS FOLLOWERS!***

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SAYING TOMORROW?

*The most **DANGEROUS PART** of **FOLLOWING JESUS TOMORROW**... isn’t what you might lose what’s between **NOW** and **THEN**... that’s **NOT** the **WORST THING** that can happen... The most **TRAGIC THING** that can happen is that **TOMORROW** might never **COME** for **YOU!***

Hebrew 3:15...

“TODAY... If you hear His Voice... do not harden your hearts!”

THIRD FAN...

Luke 9:61...

*“Still another said... ‘I will **FOLLOW** you Lord – but **first** let me go back and say goodbye to my family...’”*

*This Third **FAN** implies... “**I’II FOLLOW you WHATEVER!**”*

*And Jesus replies... “**What about... THAT?**”*

Verse 62...

*“Jesus replied... ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and **LOOKS BACK** is **FIT** for the **SERVICE** in the Kingdom of God!’”*

**JESUS DOESN'T WANT FOLLOWERS WHO HAVE
DIVIDED AFFECTIONS or SPLIT ALLEGIANCES!**

*When you accept the invitation from Jesus to **FOLLOW HIM**...
You are not just saying that He is **TOP PRIORITY** in **YOUR LIFE**...*

...YOU ARE MAKING HIM THE ONLY PRIORITY IN YOUR LIFE!

*The **Primary Reason** that Jesus is sooooo adamant about **HIS FOLLOWERS
SURRENDERING EVERYTHING**... Is because of **THIS REALITY**...*

**THE ONE THING WE ARE MOST RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP... IS THE ONE
THING THAT HOLDS THE MOST POTENTIAL OF BECOMING A
SUBSTITUTE FOR HIM!**

**SURRENDERING ALL THAT YOU HAVE... FOR ALL THAT HE HAS TO
OFFER... IS THE BEST DEAL YOU'LL EVER RECEIVE!**

**WHAT IS “IT”... THAT'S COMPETING MOST...
WITH YOU WHOLE-HEARTEDLY FOLLOWING JESUS?**

**WHAT WOULD YOUR LIFE LOOK LIKE...
IF YOU FOLLOWED JESUS... COMPLETELY...?**
