



Invest Everything in Eternity!

Following in the Footsteps of Luke

Lesson 10 • Colossians 4:14

Colossians 4:7-18 reminds us that our ministry to others is the overflow of our relationship with Christ. 12 people are mentioned by name. Each one sought to **make their mark for eternity**. We are **following in the footsteps of those who fulfilled their ministries**, so we too can make our mark for eternity!

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A Man Who Made His Mark: Luke = "Light"

- ▶ Luke is mentioned only **three times** in the Bible, always by the Apostle Paul while he is in prison. *Colossians 4:14; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11*
- ▶ Yet Luke wrote over _____ of the NT! *Luke-Acts*
- ▶ Luke was a multi-faceted and multi-gifted _____ with an impressive resume.
 - 1) Educated _____ ~ *Colossians 4:12-13*
 - 2) Medical _____ ~ *Colossians 4:14*
 - 3) Christ _____ ~ *Colossians 1:3-6, 11-14; Luke 1:1-4*
 - 4) Fellow _____ ~ *Philemon 24*

There's no "I" in team!

"...it seemed good to me...to write" Luke 1:3

"I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach" Acts 1:1

"We" sections = Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-21:18; 27:1-28:16

With Luke it is all "WE" and not "ME"!

We never actually SEE Luke do anything and we never actually HEAR Luke say anything!

- 5) Inspired (= God-breathed) _____ ~ *Luke 19:10; 24: 44-53; Acts 1:6-11*

In the end, Luke was moved by the Spirit to write a reliable, historically accurate account of the acts of God in Jesus and His followers to convince Theophilus and all "friends of God" that no one is able to hinder the victorious march of Christ's gospel.

- 6) Accurate _____ ~ *Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-3*

"Luke is a first-class ancient historian..."

"Luke is a skilled ancient historian who writes with vividness and variety. His goal is to instruct, inform, and persuade his audience that God has been at work in Jesus and those who followed Him." ~Darrell Bock

7) Faithful _____ ~ 2 Timothy 4:11

How Did Luke Make His Mark as an Educated Professional?

Rather than wasting his life, Luke invested _____ in eternity!

Make Your Mark: Use Your S.H.A.P.E to Exalt Christ for the Joy of All Peoples!

Be Unashamed to Use Your S.H.A.P.E. to Exalt Christ for the Joy of All Peoples

S _____ ~ Luke was a Helper and a Teacher!

- Use your spiritual gifts to exalt Christ for the joy of all peoples!
- Discover your God-given, Spirit-empowered, Christ exalting capacities to **speak** and/or **serve** one another.

H _____ ~ Luke's passion was to bring physical and spiritual healing to all peoples!

- Use your heart's desire to exalt Christ for the joy of all peoples!
- Discover your God-given dreams and desires and let your heart beat for God and others.

A _____ ~ Luke was a Doctor and Writer and Researcher!

- Use your abilities to exalt Christ for the joy of all peoples!
- Discover what you are naturally good at and invest it in what God is supernaturally good at.

P _____ ~ Luke was probably a Perfect Melancholy with some Peaceful Phlegmatic or Popular Sanguine or Powerful Choleric mixed in!

- Use your personality to exalt Christ for the joy of all peoples!
- Discover who you were made to be, so you can help others discover who they were made to be.

E _____ ~ Luke did not waste any of his experiences in life on self-pity or bitterness!

- Use your experiences to exalt Christ for the joy of all peoples!
- Discover your past to invest in the future of others!

*Personal Experiences
Vocational Experiences
Relational Experiences
Educational Experiences
Spiritual Experiences*

"Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forward." ~Soren Kierkegaard

Make Your Mark: Follow in the Footsteps of Luke and Invest Everything in Eternity!

Be Unashamed to Use Your S.H.A.P.E. to Exalt Christ for the Joy of All Peoples!

- **Discover** your unique S.H.A.P.E. by getting involved wherever there is a need.
- **Develop** your unique S.H.A.P.E. by being equipped in and through our local church.
- **Deploy** your unique S.H.A.P.E. in active ministry in our local church and the lives of the lost.
- **Dedicate** your unique S.H.A.P.E. to exalt Christ for the joy of all peoples

