

The Cost of Discipleship Luke 14:25-35

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them ...

#1: A True Disciple Loves Jesus Supremely (14:26)

²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Matthew 10:37-39

³⁷ **Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.** ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

#2: A True Disciple Follows Jesus Sacrificially (14:27-33)

A. Carrying a Cross (27)

²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

B. Thinking It Through (28-32)

²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

C. Renouncing Possessions (33)

³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

#3: A True Disciple Follows Jesus Consistently (14:34-35)

³⁴ “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Why Count the Cost and Say “Yes” to Following Jesus?

1. For the pure joy of knowing Christ now and for all eternity
2. For the purpose you receive now
3. For the blessing you will receive in eternity