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WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE

As we study the scriptures, we find that many that were called by God went through great suffering. It is a fallacy to think that one will not have hard times when they become a Christian and sell out to God. The opposite will be true.

You can expect to be hated by the world for making a stand against sin. You can expect to be persecuted and maybe even imprisoned for receiving Christ as Savior and turning from pagan religions and idolatry.

Every book of the Bible is full of suffering, both old and new testaments. I believe in prosperity, but that is not what the Christian life is about. Prosperity is only the means to get the gospel out to a lost and dying world that need to hear about Jesus.

We read in Luke of the man that had a barn and it was full, so he decided to tear it down and build a bigger barn. He was building his own kingdom so he could eat, drink, and be merry. (Luke 12:19.) In Luke 12:20 it says, ***“But God said unto him, ‘Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided’? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”*** I am sure he regretted his decision.

There are riches far superior to the riches of the world. The greatest being our salvation. There is no price anyone can pay for you to have it. Yet, it cost Jesus Christ his life's blood to secure it for you. Now, it is our job to share that good news with others, disregarding the price it will cost. One more soul for the kingdom is worth all the hatred, backstabbing, persecution, and even death to see that soul saved.

Are you willing to pay the price?