

DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

Counting the Cost

Scriptural Emphasis

Mark 8:27-38

John 12:20-36

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:25-27

Exodus 32:29

Deuteronomy 33:8-11

Judges 7:22

1 Samuel 14:20

Isaiah 19:1-4

Ezekiel 38:21

Micah 7:1-7

Haggai 2:20-23

Zechariah 14:13-21

Matthew 10, 23:29-33

Mark 3:20-22, 31-35

Luke 3:7-8, 12:49-53

John 7:1-9

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it - lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying 'this man began to build and was not able to finish'. Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! **Luke 14:28-35**

Matthew 4:18-22, 8:18-22, 19:16-30

Mark 10:35-45, 13:28-37

Luke 9:46-48, 57-62, 12:1-11

John 6, 13:1-17, 15:18-25, 16:1-4, 21:15-19

Acts 9:1-19

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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Psalm 50

Questions:

1. Are there relationships that are hindering your pursuit of Christ and have you sought the Lord in how to rightly divide these associations?
2. Is your identity rooted deeper in the identity your family, culture, or nation has given you; or the identity that Your Father in heaven is revealing to you from His Word?
3. If the Lord asked you to separate from friends, family, or other associations can you honestly say you would?
4. Have you truly counted the cost and is this too hard of a saying?
5. Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to convict you of associations and relationships whether to a person or an object or whatever might be an idol in your life?

Prayer Points:

1. Father I thank You that You would help me to identify all relationships in my life that are hindering my pursuit of You and teach me how You would have me to handle these associations.
2. Father I thank You that You would help me to find my true identity in what You are saying through Your Word.
3. Father I thank You that You would give me the grace to handle all obstacles to our embrace and deal with them as You would have me to.
4. Father I thank You that You would help me to count the cost and that You are faithful to give me an understanding so that I can receive all You have to say.
5. Father I invite Your Good Spirit to convict me of every idol, object, or association that grieves Your Heart.