

# The Cost of Discipleship!



**Luke 14:25-33** – Now great crowds accompanied Him, and He turned and said to them, **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. **27** Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. **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. **33** So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.

### **Salt Without Taste Is Worthless**

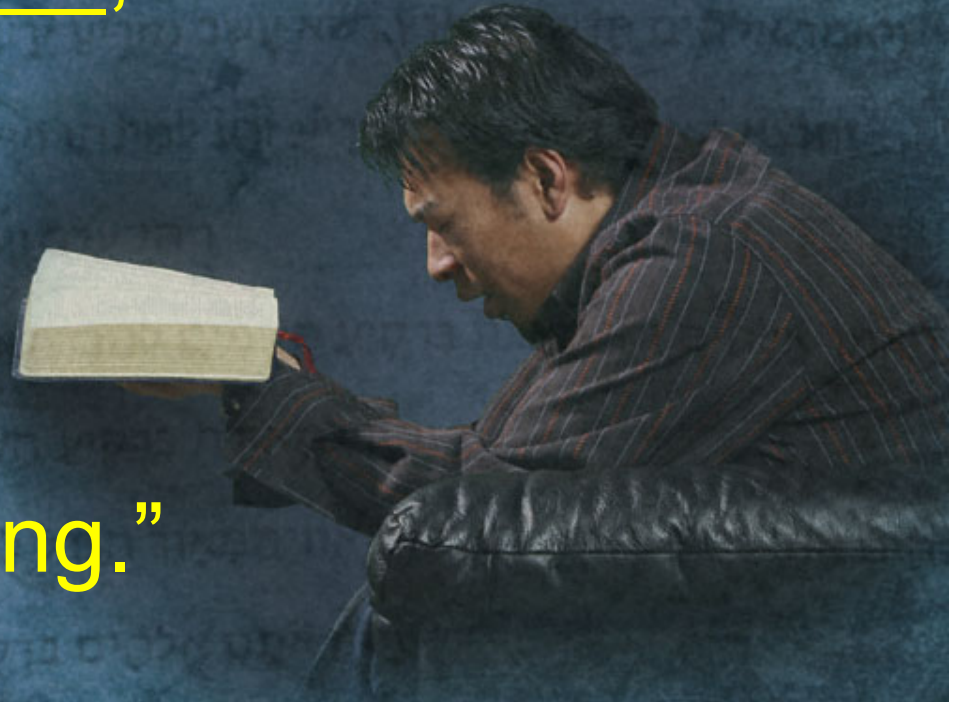
**34** "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? **35** It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear." **ESV**



# *What is a Disciple?*

- A disciple is a learner, indicating thought accompanied by endeavor; hence it denotes one who follows one's teaching.”

– Webster



## Learner

### Faith

John 8:31-32



**Bible**

2 Cor. 5:7;  
2 Tim. 2:15;  
Col. 3:16;  
Psalms 1:1-2;  
Matthew 5:6

## Thought

### Love

Gal. 5:6

### The New Command.

John 13:34-35

Perfect Bond  
of Unity!

Col. 3:12-14

## Endeavor

### Working

Keeping the  
command.

1 Cor. 7:19

A New  
Creation Gal.  
6:15; Eph. 2:10;  
2 Cor. 5:17

# ***What Discipleship Cost Christ***

- 1. His Equality with God and the Riches of Heaven – Phil. 2:5-6; 2 Cor. 8:9**
- 2. Reproaches and Afflictions – Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:21-24; John 7:7**
- 3. Suffering which taught Him obedience and cost Him His life – Heb. 5:8; Matt. 20:28.**
- 4. Motivation – The Joy set before Him – Hebrews 12:1-2; John 15:13.**

# ***What It Will Cost You and Me?***

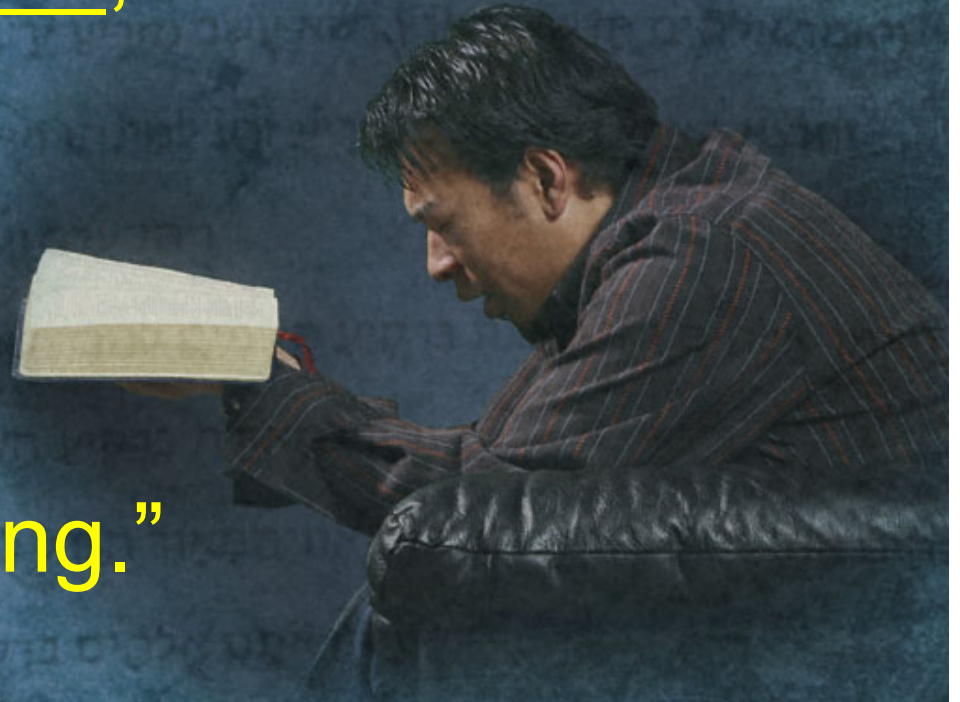
- 1. Our friendship and Love of this World – John 17:15; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17.**
- 2. Our Earthly Treasures – Matthew 6:19-21; 19:21-22; 1 Timothy 6:17-19.**
- 3. Reproaches and Afflictions – John 15:18-19; 1 Peter 2:21; Romans 5:3-4; Heb. 10:32-36.**
- 4. Motivation – Joy of saving others – 1 Tim. 4:16; Crown of Life – 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Rom. 8:18**



# *Are We Truly Disciples?*

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## Conclusion:

It is possible to be a follower of Christ without necessarily being a disciple of Christ;

It is possible to be a pew-warmer without being a true soldier of the king; or just a hanger-on in some great work without pulling one's own weight. **Illustration:**

Remember, the apostle Peter ended up even denying the Lord when he began to follow Him afar off – **Matthew 26:58!**

***Are you truly a disciple of Christ?***



***Have You Counted the  
Cost of Discipleship?***