

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Lk 14:26-33

INTRODUCTION:

- A. A disciple is a learner, and adherent, an imitator or a follower Jhn 8:31
- B. A disciple must deny self and take up his cross ("cross" – *from the base of 2476; a stake or post (as set upright), i.e. (specially), a pole or cross (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. self-denial; by implication, the atonement of Christ:-- cross. Strongs)* Matt 16:24
- C. A disciple must be submissive Matt 7:21
- D. There is a certain amount of cost involved in being a disciple of the Lord, Jesus Christ
- E. Examine ourselves concerning the cost involved

DISCUSSION:

I. MOTIVES FOR BECOMING A DISCIPLE

- A. Improper motives
 - 1. Family ties Matt 10:37
 - 2. Please men Gal 1:10
 - 3. Praise of men Lk 6:26
 - 4. Financial reasons Mk 8:36
- B. Proper motives
 - 1. Sense of need Jhn 6:68
 - 2. Faith in Christ Jhn 6:69
 - 3. Love of Christ 2Cor 5:14
- C. Deep conviction based on:
 - 1. No salvation in any other Acts 4:12
 - 2. I know and am persuaded 2Tim 1:12

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

- A. Keep his word
 - 1. The commission Matt 28:19,20; Mk 16:15,16
 - 2. Faithful attendance in worship Heb 10:25
 - 3. Abstain from fleshly lusts & all evil 1Pet 2:11; 1Thess 5:22
- B. Put away: Eph 4:25-32 Lying, Anger, Stealing, Corrupt communications, Bitterness, Wrath, Clamour, Evil speaking, Malice
- C. Bear much fruit Jhn 15:8
- D. Love one another Jhn 13:35

III. SOME WOULD NOT PAY THE COST

- A. Many of his disciples Jhn 6:66
- B. Felix Acts 24:25
- C. Agrippa almost persuaded Acts 26:28
- D. Ananias and Sapphira Acts 5:1-10
- E. Demas 2Tim 4:10

IV. SOME WILLING TO PAY THE COST

- A. The twelve Mk 10:28
- B. Paul Phil 3:7,8; 2Cor 11:23-28
- C. Stephen Acts 7:57-60
- D. Philip Acts 8:5, 26

CONCLUSION:

- A. We must have the right motives for paying the cost, one might be paying the cost for the wrong motives
- B. Being a disciple involves decisions in many areas
 - 1. Turning against teaching given by parents
 - 2. Giving up some of our worldly pleasures & possessions
 - 3. Suffering persecutions like Paul and other apostles
 - 4. Even death like Stephen
- C. Cost paid before enjoying blessings promised to the disciples Mk 10:29, 30
- D. Are you willing to pay the cost of being a disciple?