

Discipleship - What Is The Cost?

disciple - a pupil ... of another; follower (Random House)

Luke 14:27-28 there is a "cost" to being a disciple

might cost us monetarily

- Matthew 19:16-22 ... go and sell that thou hast ...
- had a Christian friend who drove a truck hauling beer II John vs.9-11
- honesty in all things - Luke 19:2,8 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. ... And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.
- Prov 11:1 Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, But a just weight is His delight. (NKJV)
- gorgeous young lady might forego a lucrative modeling career since she won't dress immodestly I Tim 2:9-10
- a great football player may forego millions because he won't skip church services to play Heb 10:25, Matt 6:33

might cost us some pleasures

- Hebrews 11:24-26 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.
- Gal 5:19 ... adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness ... shall not inherit the kingdom of God - a handsome young man who is used to getting (sexually) just about any girl he wants will have to give that up

might cost us our current religion/church

- John 8:31-32 the Bible definition for "disciple" is a person who continues in God's word; only the truth will set us free from sin (what does that imply about religious error?)
- Acts 26:5, 23:1, 22:16 Paul was a strict, conscientious Jew before he was converted
- John 12:42-43 may have to give up the church of our parents/friends to follow where the truth leads

might cost us with family

- Matt 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
- Luke 18:29-30 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.
- a man may have to give up a wife he dearly loves because it is an adulterous marriage Matt 19:9 (Ezra 10:10-11,44 is an Old Testament illustration of this, but for a different reason)

Luke 14:33 ... whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. (ASV):

- John the Baptist lost his head for standing for God's truth on MDR Mark 6:17-18,27
- Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son for God Genesis 22:1-2

Matt 16:24-26 Jesus defines what it means to be his disciple