

The Demands of Discipleship

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Introduction

Let us consider Matthew 10:37-39, and other parallel and related passages, where Jesus addresses the demands of discipleship (cf. also Matt. 16:24-27; Mark 8:34-38; Luke 9:23-26; 14:25-33).

Regarding Family

We must love Christ more than our own family. Discipleship involves the potential of loss (Matt. 10:37; Luke 14:26; 9:57-62) coupled with the assurance of gain (Matt. 4:18-22; 12:46-50; Mark 10:29-30; Luke 18:29-30).

Regarding Comfort

We must love Christ more than our own comfort. Discipleship involves the potential of loss (Matt. 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; 14:27) coupled with the assurance of gain (Gal. 6:12-17; 2 Cor. 6:4-10; 1 Pet. 1:6-9).

Regarding Life

We must love Christ more than our own life. Discipleship involves the potential of loss (Matt. 10:39; 16:25-26; Mark 8:35-36; Luke 9:24-25) coupled with the assurance of gain (Acts 7:54-60; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Rev. 2:10-11).

Conclusion

Are you living in view of the judgment (Matt. 16:27; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26)? Have you counted the cost (Luke 14:28-33)?