

FOOTSTEPS
What it Really Means to Follow Jesus

SO, YOU WANT TO BE A DISCIPLE?

Luke 14:25-35

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Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:27

What did Jesus have to say about becoming His disciple?

1. To be His disciple, you must love Him supremely.

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. Luke 14:26

A. Your family cannot come first.

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. Matthew 10:37

B. Your life cannot come first.

2. To be His disciple, you must decide for Him thoughtfully.

For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? Luke 14:28

A. A false decision is based on emotions.

B. A false decision is based on selfishness.

So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions. Luke 14:33

3. To be His disciple, you must follow Him permanently.

Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Luke 14:34-35

A. Disciples will be the salt of the earth.

You are the salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13

B. Disciples must be careful to not get polluted by the world.

This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:27

If you have ears to hear, it is critical that you respond.