



### Luke 14:25-33

Introduction: It can be an embarrassing turn of events when we mishandle and mismanage money whether it be the government, a business, or a family. Likewise, a disciple who begins a commitment to Jesus and then fails in that commitment risks his own \_\_\_\_\_ and that of the church. Jesus speaks of the importance of counting the cost in Luke 14:25-33. Consider a few lessons from the text...

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ Should Be Our First Priority

A. Prior to Jesus' discourse on discipleship, He spoke of another parable (Luke 14:16-24).

1. In this parable, the man who prepares a feast is met with \_\_\_\_\_ from many of those who were invited (14:16-20).
2. The man \_\_\_\_\_ others who are more willing to accept the invitation (14:21-23).
3. As the parable concludes, Jesus makes a point about those who made excuses—“\_\_\_\_\_ of those men who were invited shall taste my supper” (14:24).

B. Now, after this parable, Jesus makes further application to the “*multitude*”—and notice He does not \_\_\_\_\_ the message just because there is a big audience (14:25-27)!

1. His message is about the priority of \_\_\_\_\_!
  - i. It is a message for “*anyone*” who tries to follow Him!
  - ii. It requires a person “\_\_\_\_\_,” meaning “love less,” even their own family in the ladder of priorities.
  - iii. It implies not all who \_\_\_\_\_ to be disciples, are truly disciples (14:26 and 14:27)!
2. This discipleship means being as dedicated to Jesus as Jesus was to the cross—it means \_\_\_\_\_ (14:27).

C. Imagine the problems we could solve if the local \_\_\_\_\_ had 100% discipleship.

## II. Discipleship is a \_\_\_\_\_

A. Before you claim to be a disciple, you have a choice to make!

1. The man “*intending to build a tower*” needed to “*count the \_\_\_\_\_*” before he began (14:28).
2. The “*king*” going to war needs to “*sit down \_\_\_\_\_ and consider*” if he has the resources available to do it.
3. Likewise, the disciple of Jesus needs to be willing to assess whether they are willing to put even their \_\_\_\_\_ and their own \_\_\_\_\_ aside for Christ and His will!

B. These decisions imply...

1. Following Christ must not be done \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Following Christ is \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Following Christ is to be done \_\_\_\_\_!

C. Is this a decision you need to re-\_\_\_\_\_ (cp. 2 Corinthians 13:5)?

## III. \_\_\_\_\_ in Discipleship is a High Cost

A. Jesus makes it plainly clear that the failure to \_\_\_\_\_ the task leads to embarrassment.

1. How embarrassing to build half a tower and run out of \_\_\_\_\_ to finish (14:29-30)!
2. How embarrassing to go to war and get \_\_\_\_\_ (14:31-32).
3. How embarrassing to claim to be a disciple and to quit midway and go back into the world of \_\_\_\_\_ (cp. John 17:19-21).

B. Yet, most importantly, the refusal to live as true disciples will cost us our \_\_\_\_\_ (14:24, 33).

Conclusion: What type of \_\_\_\_\_ are you? \_\_\_\_\_ went all in for you. Are you all in for \_\_\_\_\_?