

FREE YET COSTLY

Luke 14:25-35

Examples: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Can a person become a Christian without becoming a disciple? The gospels do not use _____
According to Acts 11:26 the apostolic church saw no difference between a _____ and a Christian

I. THE COST TO BE A DISCIPLE: 3 EXPLANATIONS

A. Our _____ Relationships

- 1) We are not literally to hate our family members; rather we are to _____ Jesus more—give Him priority
- 2) In ancient Jewish culture or modern Muslim culture, to trust Christ would mean _____
- 3) Even in our modern American culture, often the first to oppose our faith in Christ are _____

B. Our Very _____

- 1) In ancient Roman times, to bear a cross meant to keep handy and place to _____ like a criminal
- 2) The Jews and Romans put to death many who followed Jesus: He was being _____ about the cost
- 3) In certain modern day countries dominated by Islam, those who follow Christ face the _____ penalty

C. Our Material _____

- 1) The phrase “all that he has” in verse 33 always refers to _____ possessions in the NT
- 2) If a Jew was disowned by family or shunned by the Jewish community how could he make a _____ ?
- 3) Jesus said that we must “forsake” all for Him: the word means to say _____ to our possessions
 - a) A practical way to obey this command of Jesus is to list all of your _____ even your relationships
 - b) Then sign/date the document surrendering them to Jesus if that is what it _____ to remain faithful

II. COUNTING THE COST TO BE A DISCIPLE: 2 MINI-PARABLES

A. Building a _____

- 1) A ruler considering such a project would _____ down with his counselors and he call in the _____
- 2) A ruler who did not count the cost would not be able to finish such a project and be _____ for his folly

B. Preparing for _____

- 1) A ruler considering whether to attack an enemy army sits down with his _____ and deliberates
- 2) If he decides that he cannot win the battle, he _____ with this enemy, which saves many lives

To make a commitment to Christ without counting the cost is _____ and it can be _____

2 FINAL OVERARCHING OBSERVATIONS

- 1) Jesus spoke to the multitudes: He wanted them to keep these truths in mind as they considered the _____
 - a) When explaining the gospel and calling men to repent, emphasize “Go God’s Way No Matter the _____”
 - b) When asking men to respond to the gospel, give them time to sit down/count the cost before they _____
- 2) It is difficult to take Jesus seriously because we live an abnormal society where we have religious _____
 - a) This abnormal situation will not last forever: our culture is _____ with breathtaking speed
 - b) Therefore we may have to bear these costs or we may not, but in either case we must _____ the costs