

The Parables of Jesus: The Cost of Discipleship

Luke 14:25-26 (AMPC)

Now huge crowds were going along with [Jesus], and He turned and said to them, If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his [own] father and mother [in the sense of indifference to or relative disregard for them in comparison with his attitude toward God] and [likewise] his wife and children and brothers and sisters— [yes] and even his own life also—he cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:27 (AMPC)

Whoever does not persevere and carry his own cross and come after (follow) Me cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:29 (AMPC)

Otherwise, when he has laid the foundation and is unable to complete [the building], all who see it will begin to mock and jeer at him

Luke 14:31 (AMPC)

Or what king, going out to engage in conflict with another king, will not first sit down and consider and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand [men] to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

Luke 14:32-33 (AMPC)

And if he cannot [do so], when the other king is still a great way off, he sends an envoy and asks the terms of peace. So then, any of you who does not forsake (renounce, surrender claim to, give up, say good-bye to) all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:34-35 (AMPC)

Salt is good [an excellent thing], but if salt has lost its strength and has become saltless (insipid, flat), how shall its saltiness be restored? It is fit neither for the land nor for the manure heap; men throw it away. He who has ears to hear, let him listen and consider and comprehend by hearing!