

Demands of a Disciple

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 14:25.

B. There are three qualifications to being a disciple of Christ.

C. It does not take much to be a disciple of Jesus—it takes everything.

II. Jesus will have no rival. No relationship can come before Jesus.

III. Jesus will have no refusal. (Luke 22:41-42)

A. To bear the cross is to say an eternal yes to all God's will regardless of the consequences.

B. Jesus' attitude toward the cross was accepting all God's will.

IV. Jesus will have no retreat. (John 6:66; 2 Timothy 4:10)

V. The reward. (Mark 10:21-30)

A. We must give up everything.

B. This does not mean that we have no possessions.

C. He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep (his life) to give what he cannot lose.

D. Only people and the Word of God will last forever—we should give our lives for what is going to last forever. (John 3:16)

Application questions:

1. What things or people rival Jesus in your life?

2. What are conditions that you would be difficult to embrace God's will in?

3. Spend some time in prayer and reflection over the three qualifications for discipleship. Write your reflections and response to Jesus below.
