

Commitment of a Disciple

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I. Commitment of a Disciple - Luke 14.

II. What did Jesus mean that His follower must hate His parents and family in order to follow him when He loved His own?

A. When you interpret all Scripture you look at the person of Christ. Jesus is our all in all.

(Colossians 2:9-10)

B. Jesus knew that His mother would need some care. He chose someone with a certain type of personality to take care of her - an affectionate personality.

1. It was John who recognized Jesus.

2. It was John who was at the crucifixion.

C. When Jesus said that his followers were to hate their parents, He meant that they were to love Him so much that their love for their parents was to be like hate.

III. The follower of Christ is to take up His cross - an implement of death.

A. This means that a man is to deny himself.

B. Our problem is not about things, but about self. We want ourselves first, while Jesus wants Himself first.

C. John and James wanted to be the greatest, and this is our problem too.

D. Wait on the Lord.

IV. The price of being a disciple.

A. The cost of not being one is missing out on many brothers and sisters, missing out on the Spirit filled life, and missing out on much fruit. (Matthew 10:30)

B. We are to put Jesus over everything.

C. You have a whole life ahead of you of putting Jesus first.

D. We choose our masters and we can put Jesus above all else by commitment.

Application questions

1. How did Jesus describe the greatness of the love we are to have for Him. How would you describe it?

2. Why is the cross an important metaphor for the Christian walk?

3. What are the rewards of following Christ wholly? What will you do to implement a program of obedient action toward Christ?
