

The Heart of the Disciple

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I. Introduction.

- A. The disciple's heart is to have their thought patterns to be on track with God's. (Romans 12:1-2)
- B. There is a way that Paul wants us to think in relation to Jesus Christ. (Colossians 1:14)

II. Specific attitudes of the heart. (Luke 14)

A. Hating one's family over Christ.

- 1. What Jesus is saying is that there should be no rival to one's love for Christ.
- 2. Our will must be lost in his will. (Daniel 5:34, Psalm 115)

B. Bearing one's own cross.

- 1. The cross is saying an eternal yes to the will of God. (Luke 21:22)
- 2. There is no way in which we submit to God that he will reward us. (Mark 10:29-30)

C. Giving up all one has for Jesus.

- 1. This does not mean that we have no possessions.
- 2. This means there is no retreat.
- 3. He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

Application questions:

- 1. How can one develop the attitudes of a disciple?

- 2. What does it look like to own possessions and yet own nothing for Jesus?

- 3. What crosses help you submit to God's will in everything? Explain.
