

# Commitment of Disciples

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## I. Introduction.

A. Being a disciple is being a life-long learner and follower of Jesus. (Luke 14:25-33)

B. A disciple must forsake all he has.

## II. Jesus will have no rival. (Luke 16:13)

A. To “hate” one’s parents in comparison to Jesus in Luke 14:26 means to have a strong preference for one thing over another.

B. We have to put our desire to please Jesus before everything else. (Mark 1:19-20)

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

A. Jesus’ attitude toward the cross was accepting God’s will.

B. Bearing the cross is saying yes to all the will of God.

## IV. Jesus will have no retreat.

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

B. God will forgive us, and we can return to him. (1 John 1:9)

## Application questions:

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

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

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

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