

PARABLE – “*Counting The Cost*” – Luke 14:25-35

INTRODUCTION: Everybody looks for bargains, but sometimes there are some hidden costs.

- Every **CHOICE** in life should ask the question ... “*How much will it cost?*” ... It may not be worth it, after all!

14:25 – A large crowd followed Jesus, but Jesus will thin them out.
- It costs something to follow Christ

5 CONDITIONS FOR DISCIPLESHIP:

CONDITION #1 – Love Jesus Above All Others – 14:26

- **14:27, 14:33** A “*disciple*” is ‘*a learner, a pupil*’.
- There’s a difference between a “*regular*” Christian, and a “*disciple*”.
- To be a “*disciple*”, it takes commitment, discipline.
- “*hate*” is a hyperbole, and a term of **COMPARISON**.
- Is your love for Jesus **GREATER THAN** ...? Mt. 10:37
- Sometimes, you have to make a **CHOICE**.

CONDITION #2 – Live Like A Dead Person – 14:27

- The “*cross*” in Jesus’ day only meant **DEATH**.
- A “*disciple*” will put to death the things of the world – Gal. 2:20

CONDITION #3 – Finish The Course Well – 14:28-29

- Jesus & Paul finished their course – John 17:4, 2 Tim. 4:7
- There’s no excuse for not finishing your course – Phil. 1:6

CONDITION #4 – Surrender To The Stronger King – 14:31-33

- It makes sense to surrender to Almighty God!
- Be willing to give up control of your life to Christ.

CONDITION #5 – Stay Pure – 14:34-35

- Salt was used as payment, and a preservative – Matthew 5:13
- When we live an impure life, we lose our “*saltiness*”.

CONCLUSION: Are you a true “*disciple*”?

- Only a “*disciple*” will be **VICTORIOUS**, and **ENJOY** their trip to Heaven.
- Are you willing to “*pay the price*”? John 6:66
- If you “*Count The Cost*”, you’ll find that it’s **WORTH IT!**