

The TEST of True Commitment

TEST series: What is normal Commitment? Luke 14:26, 27, 33 Chris Mueller

Introduction:

Luke 14:26, 27, 33 NASB *If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 33 So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.*

Is a disciple another name for any Christian or only a maturing Christian?

Acts 11:26 *The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.*

Christians will be committed like Christ was committed

2 Corinthians 8:9 *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

Romans 5:6 *For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.*

2 Corinthians 5:15 *And He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.*

**#1 Unrivaled _____ for Christ or
a commitment to a _____**

26 *If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.*

**#2 Uncompromising conduct in _____ or
a commitment to _____**

27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

**#3 Unselfish giving of _____ or
a commitment to _____ the world**

33 So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

Crucial questions...

A – What _____ you to maintain this kind of commitment once you have a new heart in Christ?

- For our sake Jesus "hated" His heavenly home
- For our sake, Jesus bore His own cross...and crucified him
- For our eternal enrichment Christ renounced all that He had

2 Corinthians 8:9 Though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

B How can anyone be _____ like this?

C What if I don't _____ to be this committed?

D What _____ can I take to fulfill this commitment?

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why do many who claim to be Christians not manifest the commitment Jesus requires in Luke 14?
2. How is it that true salvation is a gift by grace but requires striving to receive and results in a radical life of commitment?
3. What area of commitment discussed by Jesus in Luke 14 is most lacking in your life, and why?
4. What steps will you take to manifest the true heart of believer demonstrated through a radically committed life?

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