

# THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

## *John Repass*

Introduction: Matthew 28:18-20

A. Three Marks Of A Disciple.

B. The Passage - Luke 14:25-35 (ESV)

*Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, [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. [27] Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. [28] For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. [33] So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. [34] "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."*

C. Background.

1. The Observers.

2. The Many.

“Salvation is free, it costs you nothing. Discipleship is not free, it costs you everything.”  
Dr. Howard Hendricks.

3. The Disciples.

Basic definition of a disciple of Jesus: One who has been born again spiritually and who is following Jesus and learning from Him.

D. Our Personal Discipleship.

I. A Disciple Has Acknowledged Jesus Ownership Over All The Relationships Of His Life And Has Come To The Point That He Loves The Lord More Than His Own Life.

A. Interpretation

John 15:12 - This is it. Love Others Just As He Loved Us.

John 14:23

Matthew 10:37

The Word of God and the Lord's will for us individually always has a higher priority than the desires and demands of our father and mother spouse and children, and brothers and sisters.

B. We Must Love Jesus More than Our Father And Mother.

C. We must Love Him More Than Our Spouse And Our Children.

1. As A Single Person.

a. Commit ourselves to put our date life and future marriage under His control.

b. Trust Him to wait for Him to provide the right marriage partner He wants us to have.

c. Live by His standards of personal purity.

d. Receiving the one He wants us to marry as His perfect plan and not waiting for the "perfect ideal"

e. Willing to remain single.

2. After Marriage.

a. Loving Him means obeying Him and practicing the love He commands us to have.

3. We Must Love Jesus More Than We Love Our Children.

a. Give them to the Lord.

D. Brothers And Sisters - 1 Timothy 5:8

E. Yes, And Even My Own Life.

1. That we are willing to give up our rights to live our own lives our own way.

The Lord's will a higher priority than our career, our education, our friends our focus on self, our respect, our ministry, our leisure time....

2. That we are willing to lay down our lives for other people - 2 Corinthians 12:15

II. A Disciple Puts His Own Selfish Desires Away, Openly Identifies With Jesus Christ. Luke 14:27

A. Bear Our Own Cross.

1. Bearing our own cross means dying to our old sinful self and our selfish desires.

2. Bearing our own cross means denying our self's right to rule the throne of our lives on a daily basis, moment-by-moment, decision by decision, calling on the Lord.

3. That We Are Openly Identified With Him.

4. That if necessary we are willing to die to be faithful to Him. Luke 9:23 Matt.16:24  
Mark 8:34

B. Come After Jesus.

1. Living As Jesus Did - Romans 8:29

2. Giving Our Lives To Fulfill His Mission and Our Commission.

a. Preach The Gospel To Every Creature.

b. Make Disciples of All Nations.

III. A disciple has turned over to Jesus in his heart all that he owns, all of his hopes, plans, and dreams to Jesus and has decided to keep only the ones that the lord wants him to keep.

“Forsake”, Renounce - “say farewell”

A. Material Things.

B. Accomplishments.

C. Our Gifts.

D. Hopes, Plans, And Dreams.

E. Do we really Have To Give It All Away?

1. Twice His - I Chronicles 29:14 Matthew 19:29

IV. Making Peace With The Enemy.

A Count the Cost before We Start the Road of Discipleship.

1. Three Who Didn't Pay the Cost.

B. Five Who Did Pay the Cost?

C. How can we know? 1 Corinthians 10:13 Where is your heart today, not yesterday.

**A Prayer of Commitment:**

*Lord, I'm coming after you today in a fresh way. I want to commit myself to love you more than any human relationship including all my precious ones, and more than my own life and my right to live it my way. I take up my cross of death to self's right to rule and the cross of open identification with You and I choose to follow you with all my heart. Lord, even though I may have done it before, I give you all my possessions, my accomplishments, my hopes, my plans, my dreams, my ministry. I am saying farewell to them. They are now yours and I am your manager to do with them what you want me to do. Thank you for saving me and letting me be your disciple. I love you. Amen.*