

Steps Toward Being a Committed Follower of Christ

Luke 14:25-35

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I. We need to count the _____.

Luke 14:28-30 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ ”

II. We need to evaluate the _____.

A. **Luke 14:31-32** “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.”

B. **Luke 19:20-24** “Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’ His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’ Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’ ”



III. We need to decide to go all _____.

A. **Luke 14:33** “In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.”

B. The Greek word translated as "give up" can also be translated as “say goodbye” or “_____.”

C. **Romans 12:1** “So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.” (MSG)

Conclusion: Jesus has two concluding thoughts:

1. A follower who chooses not to be a disciple is like _____ that is not salty.
(Verses 34-35)
2. It is time to pay attention and make a _____.
(Verse 35)

*All scripture is from the NIV unless otherwise noted.

