

Title: Living the Christian Life in the World
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Text: Luke 14:25-33
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Luke 14

1. Sacrifice the Comforts of _____
(vv.25-27)

25 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.

2. Sacrifice the Comforts of _____
(vv.28-30)

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?

3. Sacrifice the Comforts of _____
(vv.31-33)

29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,
30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'
31 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?
32 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.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **John 6:24-27**. Why are the “large crowds” (Luke 14:25) and a growing cultural popularity of Christ necessary prompts to clarify the things Jesus speaks to in Luke 14:26-33?
2. Read **Mark 8:34-38**. What aspects of modern “Christianity” contradict the words of Jesus in this passage?
3. Read **Acts 20:24** and **21:13**. How do these two verses show that Paul had soberly counted the cost of following Christ and God’s will for his life? How might you do the same?
4. Read **Revelation 3:15-19**. What are some signs that a person has his loyalties split between the world and Christ? Why is this so hard to detect in one’s own heart?
5. Read **Luke 9:57-62**. What are some of the specific concerns of the world you need to guard your heart against, so that your loyalty and love for Christ can remain your top priority?