

# The Cost of Christianity

Luke 14

# I. Caution: Look Before You Leap

## Decision: 25-26

- If anyone... No force except default
- Mt.7:13-14

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Drawing Near: 26

- Not merely to listen / laud (6:46)

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**Division: 26**

- Three categories –

<sup>1</sup>Family

<sup>2</sup>Self

<sup>3</sup>Jesus

- Hate: not 'detest' (Lk.21:17)
  - Love less (16:13; Gn.29:30-31)

'Hate': preference for one thing over another, or disregard, as claims of parents over Christ – Vine. / Col.1:18

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Division: 26

**Death (cross): 27**

- Condemned criminal carried tool of own death through public streets to place of execution.
  - **Painful:** scourging; crucifixion
  - **Humiliating:** Lk.23:48
  - **Fatal:** tetanus tore wounds...

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Division: 26

Death (cross): 27

**Direction: 27**

- 'Follow': to go same way . . .
- My way: self-seeking

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Death (cross): 27

Direction: 27

## Determination: 28-32

- Many lack perseverance to finish
- 'Come' (17,26) ... only if you mean it



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Determination: 28-32

**Discard: 33**

**1)** Say farewell (9:61)

**2)** Renounce, give up. 18:28-30

- RYR
- Proselyte conditions

Ac.2:44-45

2 Co.8:5

## Discard: 33

And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God – 2 Co.8:5

**First** (in importance): above all else

- Ro.15:16, minister . . . ministering:  
**act as priest**
  - Ministry of gospel: **offering of Gentiles to God**
- Ro.15:25-27: Macedonian motive

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II. Certainty:  
Profit Far Outweighs Loss

Worldly people may devote  
full attention to . . .

- **Treasure** (of world). Lk.12; 16:13
- **Pleasure** (of sin). Mk.6.
- **Measure** (of man). Est.3-6

# Christian's losses are overshadowed by gains . . .

- **Treasure** (in heaven). Lk.12:33-34
- **Pleasure** (of hope). Lk.15.
- **Measure** (of Lord). Lk.19:17

‘Well done, good servant’ – Lk.19:17

‘...eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, **honor**, and immortality ’ – Ro.2:7