



Daily Verse and Comment

[Luke 14:25-27](#)

(25) And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, (26) If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. (27) And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

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That which costs nothing is not worth anything. When [King David](#) needed to build an altar to the Lord, he would not accept the free gift of the threshing floor because it cost him nothing ([II Samuel 24:21-25](#)). To David, a sacrifice was worthless if it cost the offerer nothing. The discipleship to which Christ calls us means a life of surrender to [God's will](#) and sacrifice for His cause. If we count the cost of a full submission to Christ's claim on us, we also must count on His grace and help to become one with Him. His disciples do not make the journey to His Kingdom for free—it costs them their lives.

The costliness of commitment to God's will is seen in the example of [Jesus](#). He requires nothing of us that He Himself has not done. Christ lived with the humiliation and agony that often accompanies living according to the will of [God](#). Both the Father and the Son counted the cost before proceeding with their plan for the salvation of humanity. In being sent into [the world](#), Jesus knew ahead of time what it would take to accomplish the divine goal. He left His Father's house to build His church so that the gates of Hades could never prevail against it ([Matthew 16:18](#)).

— Martin G. Collins

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