

There is a cost to serving God

Luk 14:25-33 NIV **Large crowds** were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters--yes, even their own life--such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 "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?** 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' 31 "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? 32 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. 33 **In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.**

Some part of ME dies when I commit

Mat 4:18-22 NIV As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 20 **At once they left their nets and followed him.** 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and **immediately they left the boat and their father** and followed him.

Luke 5:11 said 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, **left everything and followed him.**

Commitment Col 3:16-24 ESV

Col 3:16-24 ESV Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with **thankfulness** in your hearts to God. 17 **And whatever you do**, in word or deed, **do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving **thanks** to God the Father through him. 18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. 22 Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 **Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.**

1. **Commit to Jesus** - word of Christ dwell in you
2. **Commit to one another** - teaching and admonishing one another
3. **Commit my words and deeds** (keep my word, my promises, my integrity, and may all my actions be a reflection of doing everything in the name of Jesus)
4. **Commit to my spouse** - this is fitting in the LORD
5. **Commit to my parents** - this pleases the LORD

6. Commit to your children

7. **Commit to your boss** - (not with eye service, not as a man pleaser, with sincerity, fearing the LORD

8. **Commit to your church** - Whatever you do, work heartily as for the LORD not for men - You are serving the LORD Christ

ABC's of commitment to the local church

- **Attend** church regularly
- **Build** relationships with others
- **Contribute** financially
- **Develop** your spiritual gifts to build others