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JESUS DEFINES A DISCIPLE

(Luke 14:25-35)

INTRODUCTION

(Matthew 28:19-20) "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

"Disciple" - a student, learner, or pupil; one who adheres to the teaching of the Master-teacher.

We are blessed to have a Divine definition of discipleship:

1. (Luke 14:26) "If anyone comes to Me, **and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.**"

The Bible defines this word "hate" - (Matthew 10:37 and Genesis 29:30-31)

If one cannot do this, then, in Jesus' words, "he cannot be My disciple."

2. (Luke 14:27) "And whoever **does not bear his cross and come after Me, cannot be My disciple.**"

(Matthew 10:38) "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me."

Jesus bore a wooden cross: (John 19:17) and Simon (Matthew 27:32).

Jesus also bore a cross that was uniquely His; one the soldiers could not remove and one that no one else was qualified to bear: (Isaiah 53:6 and 1 Peter 2:24).

We sing: "Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No! There's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me."

3. (Luke 14:33) "So likewise, whoever of you **does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.**"

This is sadly illustrated in: (Luke 18:18-23)

On another occasion, Jesus told a crowd: (Luke 12:15-21) (v21) "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

4. (John 8:30-31) "As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, **If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.**"

5. (John 13:34-35) "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

6. (John 15:1-8) (v8) "By this My Father is glorified, **that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**"

CLOSE - Take this "Test of Discipleship" as defined by Jesus. Did you pass?