

JESUS' 7 TESTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

(Luke 14:25 – 33)

"Disciple" = student, learner, pupil; one who adheres to the Master's teaching.

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

Bible definition of "hate" - (Matthew 10:37; Genesis 29:30-31)

In like manner, our love for God ought to be so obvious, that all earthly relationships should appear as being loved less.

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 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).

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

(Luke 5:11) "... they forsook all and followed Him."

Jesus records what our attitude should be: **(Luke 12:15)** "Take heed and beware of all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." **(v20-21)** "God said to him, Foolish one! This night your soul will be required of you, then whose will those things be which you have provided? So is he who lays up treasure for himself, not rich toward God"

4. **(John 8:30-31)** "If you abide in My word, **you are My disciples indeed.**"

"Abide in" - continue in; adhere; cleave; stick to; reside in.

5. **(John 13:34-35)** "... **By this all will know that you are My disciples,** if you have love for one another."

6. **(John 15:8)** "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, **so you will be My disciples.**" Note: "abide" in (v1 – 7).

7. **(Matthew 28:18-19)** "... 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 ... "