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The Hidden Treasure

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The Short Stories of Jesus

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The Cost of Discipleship

Luke 14:25-33

The wise decision involves reflection, not reaction. Sitting and calculating the cost means reasoned assessment. So, Jesus suggests, should it be with discipleship: one should assess whether one is ready to take on the personal commitment and sacrifice required to follow Jesus. ... A decision to pledge allegiance to Jesus is one of great moment and is to be entered into with sober reflection.

(Bock, D. L. (1996). Luke: 9:51-24:53 (Vol. 2). Baker Academic)

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The Reward of Discipleship

Matthew 13:44-46

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The Cost & The Reward

1) The _____ ... _____.

In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

(Luke 14:33)

“Before praying with someone to receive Christ, many leaders in the Middle East will ask two questions. First, are you willing to suffer for Jesus? And, second, are you willing to die for Jesus?” he said. “I wish we had those two questions in the New Members classes at church in America.”

(Lee Strobel, *Seeing the Unseen*)

2) The _____ ... Is _____.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44)

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.” (Mark 10:29-30)

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Two Key Questions

1) _____ . . . Is The _____ To _____?

2) _____ . . . Has Your _____?

If a person desires to become a disciple of Jesus, it will cost much in terms of undivided allegiance to Jesus as God (Lk. 14:26), in terms of denial of one's own will for the sake of taking up the will of God (Lk.14: 27) . . . Nothing else must be a substitute for Jesus as the focus of allegiance: neither family (Lk. 14: 26), nor wealth (Lk. 12:13-21; 16:10-13, 14-15, 19-31), nor one's own life (Lk.14:26), nor anything at all (Lk. 14:33). Entrance into the way of discipleship means entering the narrow gate to salvation (Lk.13:22-30) to follow after Jesus alone (Lk. 9:23; 14:27).

(Michael J. Wilkins, *Following The Master*, p. 216)