

“The **Cost** of Following Christ”

Matthew 8:18-22; Luke 9:61-62

Scripture Reading: Matthew 8:18-22 “Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. ¹⁹ And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. ²⁰ And Jesus saith unto him, **The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.** ²¹ And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. ²² But Jesus said unto him, **Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.**”

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I. Following Christ Requires Total **Sacrifice** (vs 18-22)

a. We Must Sacrifice Our **Energy** for Christ (vs 18)

Mark 4:35 “And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, **Let us pass over unto the other side.**”

1 Corinthians 10:31 “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

b. We Must Sacrifice Our **Comforts** for Christ (vs 19-20)

c. We Must Sacrifice Our **Riches** for Christ (vs 21-22)

II. Following Christ Requires Total **Devotion** (Luke 9:61-62)

Deuteronomy 6:5 “And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”

Psalms 86:12 “I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.”

Jeremiah 29:13 “And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”

Matthew 22:37 “Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** ³⁸ **This is the first and great commandment.**”

III. The **Application**

Matthew 10:34-39 “**Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.** ³⁵ **For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.** ³⁶ **And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.** ³⁷ **He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.** ³⁸ **And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.** ³⁹ **He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.**”

a. Count Our **Cost**

b. Examine Our **Allegiance**

- c. Bear Our Cross
- d. Follow Our Lord