

Counting the Cost

Luke 14: 25-35

V26 The reality that no earthly Affection must ever come into Competition with the love of God.

V28-30 counting cost in building.

Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Scripture, tradition, Reason, and Experience

V31-32 counting cost in war.

The first example seems to reference the building up of the Christian Life and this cost seems to focus on the Battle that the Christian will have to undergo. Most of our heroes are selfish and rarely look to the *summum bonum* or the highest or greatest good. How many truly noble people do you know? How many people do you know refuse to do the wrong and seek the right path all the time. Is this not what a Christian is supposed to be?

Your convictions are not what you do when others are watching but what you do and how you live when no one is watching!!

V33 If you cannot forsake all you have then you cannot be a Disciple.

V34-35 Our Spiritual state of saltiness.

If our life is tasteless, and we are always complaining, then maybe this is a sign of a deeper Spiritual problem.

Sermon last week: We have been moved by the message but have we taken any action? Have we taken responsibility for who we are and why we still are here? Let's start with leadership and work our way down.

Pastor: Need better communication of goals, and plan. Better communication and use of technology, and non-traditional means for conveying messages.

- ? Better training when moving people from delegation to empowerment.
- ? Need to keep original promise to church and when problems arise nip them in the bud quickly even if it means someone may leave. However the ultimate goal is reconciliation and renewed relationship.
- ? Need to always work on inspiring others to excel and know they can achieve all God have for them.

Leaders: We have great visionaries and planners, but we lack in follow through, especially when times are lean or things get hard.

- ? Need to watch personal spiritual health and move to becoming self-starters and motivators.
- ? Need to always work on inspiring others to excel and know they can achieve all God have for them.