

Bible passages to read and meditate upon concerning commitment to Christ & The Cost of Discipleship

RECOMMENDED USE: In your devotional time, read and prayerfully reflect on one passage every day (except Saturday and Sunday) for two weeks. Ask God to speak to you before you read and open yourself to the Holy Spirit's influence. Follow the order given below.

Also, read the accompanying articles on weekends.

Genesis 22 God tested Abraham's love and commitment by asking him to surrender what meant most to him in life. Perhaps Abraham's love for Isaac was beginning to stand between him and God. What might be standing between you and God? Are you willing to surrender it to him?

Deuteronomy 6.1-5 Wholehearted obedience was to be the fruit of love and the path to blessing.

Matthew 4.18-22 What cost would have been involved in these people following Jesus in discipleship?

Matthew 7.13-14 There are only two roads in life, which are you walking?

Matthew 11.28-30 Rest of soul comes through taking up Jesus' yoke. What does that mean?

Mark 8.34-38 Have you come to a point in time where you have consciously and deliberately embraced the call to deny self, take up the cross and follow Jesus? What might tempt you to want to "gain the world" at the cost of your soul?

Luke 6.46-49 Jesus says obedience to his teachings is the outward manifestation of our submission to his Lordship? Is your life characterized by a settled determination to obey the teachings of Jesus in daily life?

Luke 14.25-35 Have you put Jesus ahead of your nearest and dearest? And have you given all of your possessions to Jesus and become a steward rather than an owner of them?

John 14.15, 21-24 Does your love for Jesus produce obedience to his teachings? Is your obedience a fruit of love and not simply duty, preference, guilt or fear?

Romans 12.1-2 Have you made the absolute surrender of yourself to God that Paul urges upon all believers?

1 John 2.1-6 Are you daily seeking to walk as Jesus walked?