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Our Deepest Thoughts And Desires: Are You Also Going To Leave?

Luke 14:27, 33 - *if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple...³³ So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.*

Jesus Often Said Things That Unnerved And Tested His Listeners

Matthew 5:29 - *So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.*

Luke 14:26 - *If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.*

The Teachings Of Christ Should Awaken Anyone From Bland Living To Active Faith

John 6:26 - *I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs.*

John 6:41 - *Then the people began to murmur in disagreement because he had said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”*

John 6:53 - *Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you.*

John 6:60-69 - *Many of his disciples said, “This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?”⁶¹ Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, “Does this offend you?⁶² Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again?⁶³ The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.⁶⁴ But some of you do not believe me.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn’t believe, and he knew who would betray him.)⁶⁵ Then he said, “That is why I said that people can’t come to me unless the Father gives them to me.”⁶⁶ At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him.⁶⁷ Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked,*

“Are you also going to leave?”⁶⁸ Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.⁶⁹ We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.”

The Teachings Of Christ Will Force Us To Examine Our Motives And Level Of Commitment

Matthew 11:6 - *“God blesses those who do not fall away because of me.”*

It’s Possible Be Tempted To Turn Away As Christ’s Lessons Become More Difficult

Genuine Discipleship:

- 1) Asks God To Show Us What The Scriptures Mean.**
- 2) Seeks How To Apply Spiritual Truth To Our Lives.**
- 3) Asks God For The Courage To Act On God’s Truth!**

Luke 12:49-52 - *I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning!⁵⁰ I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished.⁵¹ Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other!⁵² From now on families will be split apart, three in favor of me, and two against—or two in favor and three against.*

Our Own Understanding Of Jesus Must Expand As We Live For Him