

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP Luke 14:25-33.

1. There are many hard sayings in the Bible, things that challenge our very serious concern. Upon the condition that one must hate his father, his mother, and those generally nearest and dearest, who can be a disciple?
2. I do not hate: my father; my mother; my wife; my brother; my sisters; my children. Matt. 10:37;
his own life "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy to be my disciple."
Gen. 29;30,31. Jacob loved Rachel more than he did Leah. Next verse 31;
"And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. Simply a comparative idiom
3. Hate, what it means today: To despise; to dislike; to detest; to abhor; to abominate.
4. Suppose a man wants to become a Christian, and decides in his heart to obey God, but wife rises up in rebellion and files an objection. He is put to the test. Shall he obey God, or shall he respect the whims and wishes of his wife?
4. Counting the Cost, another story—Luke 14.
 1. Abraham; His investment.
 2. Moses and his investment.
 3. Another record in Luke 18:18-30.
 4. The peerless apostle Paul: his investment
2 Cor. 5:1; 2 Tim. 4:6-8

