



WHEN THE WORLD GETS IN THE WAY WORLDLY COMFORTS & GODLY SACRIFICES LUKE 14:25-33

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1. Sacrifice the Comforts of _____
(vv.25-27)

Luke 14:25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,

26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. **27** Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. **28** For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?"

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29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, **30** saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' **31** Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? **32** And if

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not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. **33** So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **John 6:24-27**. Why are the "large crowds" (Luke 14:25) and a growing cultural popularity of Christ necessary prompts to clarify the things Jesus speaks to in Luke 14:26-33?
2. Read **Mark 8:34-38**. What aspects of modern "Christianity" contradict the words of Jesus in this passage?
3. Read **Acts 20:24** and **21:13**. How do these two verses show that Paul had soberly counted the cost of following Christ and God's will for his life? How might you do the same?
4. Read **Revelation 3:15-19**. What are some signs that a person has his loyalties split between the world and Christ? Why is this so hard to detect in one's own heart?
5. Read **Luke 9:57-62**. What are some of the specific concerns of the world you need to guard your heart against, so that your loyalty and love for Christ can remain your top priority?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

September 25th

Is. 4-6 & Gal. 3

September 26th

Is. 7-9 & Gal. 4

September 27th

Is. 10-12 & Gal. 5

September 28th

Is. 13-15 & Gal. 6

September 29th

Is. 16-18 & Eph. 1

September 30th

Is. 19-21 & Eph. 2

October 1st

Is. 22-23 & Eph. 3

October 2nd

Is. 24-26 & Eph. 4

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Msg. 13-01 – **Priorities in Tension: Learning from the Perfect Twelve-Year-Old**

Msg. 13-02 – **Why "As You Are" Can't Stay That Way**

Msg. 06-14 – **A Crash Course in Repentance & Faith**

Msg. 12-27 – **Responding to the King of Kings**

Msg. 08-32 – **Making Sure You're Repentant**

Msg. 06-52 – **Good Works & Eternal Life: Avoiding the Biggest Misunderstanding**

Msg. 15-04 – 15-06 – **Fatal Excuses** (a three-part series on rooting out excuses)

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

Brooks, Thomas. **Repent and Believe**. (Pocket Puritan Series) Banner of Truth, 2008.

Chantry, Walter J. **Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?** Banner of Truth, 1970.

Ferguson, Sinclair. **The Grace of Repentance**. Crossway, 2011.

Harris, Murray J. **Slave of Christ: A New Testament Metaphor for Total Devotion to Christ**. InterVarsity, 2001.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus: What is Authentic Faith?** Zondervan, 2008.

Metzger, Will. **Tell The Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. InterVarsity, 1984.

Ortlund, Raymond C. **God's Unfaithful Wife: A Biblical Theology of Spiritual Adultery**. InterVarsity Press, 2001.

Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Pink, A. W. **Repentance**. Triangle Press, 1996.

Piper, John. **What Jesus Demands from the World**. Crossway Books, 2006.

Roberts, Richard Owen. **Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel**. Crossway Books, 2002.

Ryle, R. C. **Repentance**. Amazon Digital Services, Inc. 2012.

Spurgeon, Charles. **A Passion for Holiness in a Believer's Life**. YWAM Publishing, 1996.

Watson, Thomas. **The Doctrine of Repentance**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1987.