

Not Fit for the Manure Pile
Jesus for Everyone Message Series Week 20
Luke 14:25-35
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What does God expect of me?

A. A willingness to prioritize God over family.
(Luke 14:25-26)

“In the secularized, antifamily culture of today, our family is at the center of our Christian ethic. And that is proper. But some of us love our wives, husbands, and children more than we love God. We miss the mark when we put their development athletically, intellectually, culturally, artistically, socially before their spiritual well-being. We fall short when we spend more time in the car in one day shuttling them to games and lessons than we do in a month in prayer for their souls. By comparison our lives reveal that we hate God and love our children disproportionately—and that we are not Jesus’ disciples.”

R. Kent Hughes, *Luke*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2015, pp. 559-560.

B. A willingness to suffer and die. (Luke 14:27)

“Discipleship is a series of deaths—perpetual dying. Disciples follow Christ on a path of self-denial. Disciples embrace suffering as a part of life.”

R. Kent Hughes, *Luke*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2015, p. 560.

C. A willingness to count the cost. (Luke 14:28-32)

D. A willingness to give up everything. (Luke 14:33)

“The disciple's life is not easy. C.S. Lewis had it right: ‘The Christian way is different. . . .Christ says, “Give me all. I don’t want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want you. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half-measures are any good. I don’t want to cut off a branch here and a branch there, I want to have the whole tree down. I don’t want to drill the tooth, or crown it, or stop it, but to have it out. Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked—the whole outfit.”’”

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Conclusion:

If you live for yourself and this world you are worthless to God.
(Luke 14:34-35)