



## “Followers Are Committed”

Luke 14:25-33

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*God has not called us to a life of \_\_\_\_\_, but a life of \_\_\_\_\_.*

### 1. A Follower must be committed to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ supremely. (v. 26)

- “Disciple” (Gk. “mathetes”) and “Follower” are used synonymously.
- What is the meaning of *“hate his father and mother...”* ?
  - Mark. 12:30
- What is the meaning of *“his own life also”* ?
  - Matthew 16:24-26

#### Five differences between Fans and Followers:

|              | FAN      | FOLLOWER     |
|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Calling      | Religion | Relationship |
| Commitment   | Consumer | Committed    |
| Motivation   | Selfish  | Selfless     |
| Consistency  | Fickle   | Faithful     |
| Perseverance | Step Out | Step Up      |

**Application:** Fans prefer the “Lazy Boy” life, while Followers choose whatever life God is calling them to. How about you?

### 2. A Follower must be committed to \_\_\_\_\_ their cross. (v. 27)

- What does it mean to “bear your cross?”
  - The cross was a symbol of humiliation and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Carrying a cross was a \_\_\_\_\_ march.
- What is Jesus’ consistent message on being a Follower?
  - Luke 9:57-62
  - Matthew 19:21-22
  - Luke 14:15-24
  - John 6:26,66

**Application:** Much of American Christianity is based on consumerism, rather than commitment. Do you have more of a consumer mindset or a commitment mindset?

### 3. A Follower must be committed to forsaking \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ. (v.33)

- Two illustrations on counting the cost:
  - A Builder (v. 28-30)
  - A King (v. 31-32)
- Christianity has never advanced through the testimony of the uncommitted, but through the testimony of the \_\_\_\_\_. Many times sealed in their blood!

**Application:** What are you willing or unwilling to forsake for Jesus?

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**The Lord’s Supper is a beautiful picture and reminder of Christ’s love and commitment to us.**

*“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.*  
**I John 4:9**

*“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*  
**II Corinthians 5:21**