



Wednesday, May 18th, 2021

Teaching Series: "I Will"

TWCC Teaching Connection Outline: "I Will Pay the Cost of Discipleship"

Read Luke 14:25 - 35 (NKJV)

- _____ the _____ of Discipleship is basically three distinct phases in succession as I see it:

FIRST PHASE (PAYMENT): ANSWER, ACKNOWLEDGE, AND AGREE WITH THE CALL TO BE A DISCIPLE

- There is a _____ to Discipleship - to _____ a Disciple and _____ a Disciple Maker who makes other Disciples according to the _____ and _____ of our Great Commission: (**Read Matthew 28:18 - 20 (NKJV); Mark 16:14 - 18 (NKJV)**); and we are to understand that there is a _____ to _____ Qualified as a True Disciple and Faithful Follower of Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Are you answering the CALL to BE a Disciple? **Remember, a _____ is what you are _____ for, but a _____ is what you are _____ for!** The _____ must be answered because, its not good to put God on _____ Waiting. (**Romans 11:29 (NKJV)**) - "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."
 - (**NLT**) - "For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn."
 - The New Testament gives us three distinct descriptions of the _____ and Divine Summons of God in our lives in and through Christ: **(1)** _____ Calling [PRIORITY] (**Philippians 3:14**); **(2)** _____ Calling [PURITY - The most real and righteous thing in and on your life] (**1 Timothy 1:9**); and **(3)** _____ Calling [POWER] (**Hebrews 3:1**).
- **Matthew 20:16 (NKJV)** - "So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."
- **Matthew 22:14 (NKJV)** - "For many are called, but few are chosen."
- These two Verses of Scripture go with our open Scriptures. In part, these Scripture the wide _____ goes out to many to _____ and trust Him fully and faithfully. However, only few _____ to be _____ as a true Disciple and faithful follower of Jesus. (**Ref Luke 14:25 - 35**).
- Jesus tells us three things _____ us to being a Disciple: **(1st)** Putting and Keeping Him (Jesus) the Top _____ and _____ in your life over anything and anyone else; **(2nd)** Taking up your _____ (Your Role, Your Responsibilities, Your Part, Your Place, Your Grace, Your Race) and following Jesus the Lord; **(3rd)** _____ All that You Have. (**Forsake = means "to give up or renounce, to abandon one's right or ownership"**). It implies **stewarding** and **managing** everything you have and using your entrusted and acquired resources of your time, talent, treasure, and testimony in the _____ of the Lord and Master Jesus Christ.
- _____ who do not exhibit the traits Jesus described earlier are not really disciples at all; they have lost their ability to _____ - the way salt preserves - what is wholesome and good. Unsalty salt and uncommitted, unholy, or ungodly disciples are equally useless.

SECOND PHASE (PAYMENT): STAY APPROVED BY OUR CONSECRATION, CONDUCT, AND COMMITMENT

- **Read 2 Timothy 2:14 - 21 (NKJV)**
- Our _____ and our _____ must _____ Up and _____ Up and _____ down and _____ down!

- Shallow _____, shallow _____, selfish _____, and shallow and shiftless _____ lead to shallow, selfish, and shiftless saints. The word **RUIN** is the Greek means "turning upside down". In other words, bad _____ and discussions dilutes, diminishes, and demolishes our _____, causing people to: **(1)** _____ wickedly, wildly, and wrongly; **(2)** _____ warped and wrongly; and **(3)** _____ wrongly. Good _____ and faith-building discussions – based on a right understanding of the Word of Truth – _____ up and fortifies _____.
- These verses also clearly tell us that people who _____ after opinions and heresy are more than a nuisance; they are a mortal threat to the Church.
- Practically speaking, your _____ Worker and Disciple is by:
 - (1) Consecrating yourself to His Calling and His Commandments; The Will and Work of God.
 - (2) Maintaining Holy Conduct – Constraints, Communications, Conversations, and Confessions
 - (3) Faithfully Committing to Rightly Dividing Truth, Learning Truth, Living and Practicing Truth!

THIRD AND FINAL PHASE (FINAL PAYMENT): REMAIN FAITHFUL, DON'T BECOME UNFAITHFUL!

- **Read 1 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV)**
- Our degree of Anointing from God is direct proportion to our _____ to God.
- **Read Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)**
- Faith is when you trust God, but _____ is when God trust you!
- *Faithfulness is not having a good day, a good month, or even a good year. Faithfulness is having a good and godly life!*
- Faithfulness is proven over _____! We control our _____, but God controls the _____ and the _____.
- **1 Corinthians 4:2 (NKJV)** – "Moreover it is required in stewards that one be **found faithful**."
- **UNFAITHFUL CHRISTIANS AND THE WORLD'S CULTURE REDEFINED FAITHFULNESS AS THIS:**
- **1st – Unfaithful Christians and World Culture say:** I'll be Faithful as long its *Financially* rewarding; **Truth:** Faithfulness is not about it being conditioned as Financially Rewarding.
- **2nd – Unfaithful Christians and World Culture say:** I'll Be Faithful as long it is *Fun*. **Truth:** Faithfulness is about taking up our Cross and following Him, and not always about it being fun and enjoyable.
- **3rd – Unfaithful Christians and World Culture say:** I'll Be Faithful as long as it is *Flexible* and it *Fits* my Schedule. **Truth:** Faithfulness is not saying I will do it as long as it fits into the order my day and my time; but Faithfulness is about the Lord ordering your day and your time.
- **4th – Unfaithful Christians and World Culture say:** I want Faithfulness as long as its *Fulfilling*. **Truth:** Faithfulness is something that makes God smile but it doesn't always make you smile. It is about Him.
- **5th – Unfaithful Christians and World Culture say:** I will be Faithful as long as I have *Friends*. **Truth:** Some friends are not good or godly faith friends or faithful friends – in other words, they do not have a passion for God, the things of God or wish to pursue and partner with God.
- **HOW DOES GOD DEFINE AND DESCRIBE FAITHFULNESS?**
- **Luke 16:10 (NLT)** – "If you are **faithful in little things**, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."
 - Being Faithful in _____ Things.
- **1 Peter 4:19 (NKJV)** – "Therefore let those **who suffer according to the will of God** commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator."
 - Being Faithful in _____ Things.
- **Luke 16:11 (NKJV)** – "Therefore if you have not been **faithful in the unrighteous mammon**, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"
 - Being Faithful in _____ Things.
- **1 Samuel 2:35 (NLT)** – "Then I will raise up **a faithful priest who will serve me and do what I desire**. I will establish his family, and they will be priests to my anointed kings forever."
 - Being Faithful in _____ Things.
- **Revelations 2:10 (NKJV)** – "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw **some of you into prison**, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. **Be faithful until death**, and I will give you the crown of life."
 - Being Faithful until the _____ of Things.