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The Cost Of True Discipleship

Matthew 10:24-25 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

Luke 6:40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

Luke 14:26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Matthew 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

As anyone can see from these Scriptures, that being a "Christian Disciple" is a very costly thing. It is very difficult to follow Christ as closely as a "Disciple" would have followed Him and not find it costly to one's life. It has been said that all of the Apostles of Jesus (Disciples) died early deaths as martyrs, with the exception of John the Beloved Revelator, and even then, they tried to kill him by boiling him in oil, but they failed. They later exiled him to the island of Patmos and he lived until about 90 plus years old.

I heard of a aspiring young minister who once said to an old, but very successful man of God, "I want to one day be as successful as you are." The older and much wiser man of God said, "Are you sure, it will cost you everything." It seems that young man spoke up and said, "yes I do". The old preacher began to tell the young man about everything that being a man of God had cost him over his 60 years, and the young man could only hang his head in awe as to the cost of the old man's success.

Now, serving God is a one day at a time thing. No one, in his or her right mind, would ever want to serve God, if they had to face the entire cost all at once. God, is a God of mercy and grace. He gives each of us only what we can handle in the present.

John 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, **who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able**; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

In my opinion, the very best prayers for anyone who wants to be successful are these two:

Jesus: Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Paul: Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. — 1 Thessalonians 5:24