

Counting the cost:

Luke 14:28-30

God says before a person builds he should first sit down and count the cost of what it will take to build his tower, house or in this case spiritual life.

If we give serious consideration to what it will cost to be a Christian before we start then we will have less surprises on our journey and we will be less likely to quit walking with God over something we were unaware of at the start.

For instance being a Christian or Christ like person means – in part –
Living with Jesus as Lord and not yourself
Repenting of our sin and not accepting it as OK
Going and sharing the good news with others throughout our life

How do you feel about the counting the cost concept?

Luke 14:33 says we must give up everything to be his disciple (or a disciple).

Is there anything you have not given up and surrendered to God as Lord? (dreams, goals, desires, wants, pursuits, and the like?)

Here are some key topics in society today we need to be surrendered in – for example –
God's teaching verses the world's perspectives are very different in many

2 Cor 7:14 – God calls Christians to date other Christians

2 Cor 6:9-10 – Sex outside marriage (a man and woman) is a sin

homosexual behavior (sexual activity with same gender) is a sin

1 Cor 6:12 – God's children are not to be mastered – addicted – to anything

Smoking of cigarettes, pot, drugs, etc are not part of life with God

Matthew 6: 24 You cannot serve two masters – in this case God and money

God has to be undisputed first place in our mind and heart

Remember Matt 22:37-39 Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength - You cannot have God and world both

Heb 10:26-31 This is a lifelong decision –

we do not want to decide to make Jesus Lord today and go back on that tomorrow. God has feelings about those who accept his gift of salvation and then turn their back on that decision

How do feel about the topics listed above? Any else like these that you can see being important?

1 Tim 2:3-4

God wants all people to be saved – his gift of salvation is for everyone

2 Tim 4:7-8

Paul made it to the end walking with God – we too can make it

How do you feel about living like Jesus – keeping him as Lord - the rest of your life?

What promises will help you be reminded you can make it – that God will help you be successful?

What attitudes or perspectives will help you be successful over a life time of walking with Jesus?