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GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT JESUS  
**Becoming a Fully Devoted Follower**  
**Part 2**  
**Luke 14:25-35**

Jesus spoke many words that give cause for serious reflection. In **Luke 9:23** we read His invitation to all who would follow Him:

*“If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”*

Jesus invites everyone who is willing to place their faith in Him and embark on a journey of discovering the only way to real life. It is a serious call to a life of discipleship, to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus. Let's discover what that looks like.

1. **I must love Jesus supremely!**

*“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be My disciple.”* **Luke 14:26 (NIV)**

2. **I must live like I am dead.**

*“And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.”* **Luke 14:27 (NIV)**

*“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”* **Galatians 2:20 (NIV)**

*“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.”*  
**Galatians 5:24 (NLT)**

Galatians 6:14 (NIV)

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

3. **I must be committed to go the distance.**

*“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?”* **Luke 14:28 (NIV)**

4. **I must maintain a life of purity.**

*“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.”* **Luke 14:34-35 (NIV)**

5. **I must always be listening to my Master - Jesus!**

*“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”* **Luke 14:35 (NIV)**

*“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus... May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.*

*May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.”* **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (NIV)**