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## **INTRODUCTION**

Jesus said that whoever desires to come after Him must be willing to carry their cross and follow Him (Matthew 16:14; Luke 14:27). This cross represents a personal share in His burden—not in a sense of misery or hardship alone, but in commitment, surrender, and purpose. Unlike the common perception of a burden as something heavy and painful, Jesus describes His own burden as light and leading to rest for the soul (Matthew 11:28–30).

Bible Text: Matthew, 10:1-45.

Following Jesus is more than a moment of decision—it is a lifelong journey that comes with cost and purpose. In this reflection, we'll consider both the cost of true discipleship and the active role every disciple is called to fulfil.

## **COST OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Salvation is free, but becoming a disciple is not. To be a disciple, therefore, you must be ready to pay some price. There are sacrifices you must make to bring out the lustre of your salvation, or to show the evidence that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Below are some of the costs of discipleship:

- Separation from the world (2 Corinthians 6:17; 1 John 2:15)
- Persecution (John 17:14; 2 Timothy 3:12)

- Selflessness and discipline (2 Timothy 2:3–6)
- Trials and temptations (Luke 6:22)

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF A DISCIPLE**

A disciple has responsibilities, without which he is not needed.

The work of a disciple entails the following:

- Preaching the gospel, healing the sick, casting out demons, etc. (Matthew 10:8)
- Presenting himself as Christ's ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- Actively involved in motivation and revival of brethren in God's fold
- Ensuring dominion over sin in his personal life and in the lives of men around him
- Worshipping or communing with God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23; Philippians 3:3)
- Raising disciples for Christ through exemplary life (1 Corinthians 11:1), follow-up and guidance (Hebrews 3:13; Jeremiah 23:2), and intercession (Galatians 4:17)



## **CONCLUSION**

Jesus Christ depends on us to continue and complete His mission on earth, which is redemption for mankind. He has equipped us all to fulfil a part in this great commission according to our individual abilities (Matthew 25:15). The task is for all.

Blessed is he whom the Lord shall find so doing. (Matthew 24:46)



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