

WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY FOR YOUR RELIGION?

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Introduction

1. Text Luke 14:26-33
2. Have we ever considered the cost of your religion?
3. Most things in our life that are valuable we don't mind paying the price for them.
4. Our text wants us to consider two things that are important to us;
 - a. Our homes
 - b. Our freedom.
5. How much are we willing to pay for them?
 - a. Some have paid a lot for either.
 - b. Million dollar houses and
 - c. Life for liberty.
6. Also in our text is the application of these two parables to our religion.
7. Are we willing to pay that much for our religion?

II Discussion

- A. Have we come to expect cheap religion?
 1. In converting someone? Matthew 16:26
 2. In Christian living? Romans 12:1-2
 3. In training our children? Ephesians 6:4 Let others do it?
 4. In mission work? Just keeping house for the Lord.
 5. In ministering to the needy. Galatians 6:10
 6. True religion cost a lot.

- B. It cost a lot on the divine side.
 1. Cost God is only begotten Son. John 3:16
 2. Cost Christ is life. Romans 5:8-9 II Corinthians 8:9

- C. It should cost the sinner a lot.
 1. His way of life. Acts 3:19
 2. His beliefs. John 8:32 Romans 6:17
 3. His pride. I Corinthians 1:21,25 Philippians 2:10

- D. The Christian should be willing to pay a lot for his religion.
 1. In time, we all have 24 hours. II Timothy 2:15 Hebrews 10:25
 2. In use of our abilities. Matthews 25:14-30; I Corinthians 15:58
 3. Overcoming sinful habits. Colossians 3:5,8 I Corinthians 6:19-20

III Conclusion.

1. It is folly to undertake a serious business without counting the cost. Have you counted the cost for Christianity?
2. Satan does not want you to count the cost.
3. Once that you have counted the cost are you willing to pay the price for heaven?
4. Heaven will be worth it all.
5. Obey God today.

Sources: Thompson chain reference Bible: Parables of our Lord Garfield Heights Lectureship 1983; Coffman commentary Luke