

Luke 14

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Highlight: Luke 14:26. "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.

Explain: Jesus is eating at the house of a prominent Pharisee. He first gives instruction on humility at the dinner table. He then reminds Israel that they were originally chosen bring God's kingdom on earth first, but now everyone will be called since Israel did not respond appropriately. Other verses afterward instruct us to count the cost of discipleship before we follow Jesus, and to recognize that total commitment is required to be a disciple of Jesus. We are either all in totally, or we are out.

Application: Do I worship my wife, family and lifestyle more than Jesus? Am I willing to give up everything for a relationship with Jesus and eternal life? I need to be careful that I don't make "good" things like wife and children become my "god". Life only works correctly when Jesus is Lord of my life.

Respond: Lord, this is hard because I love my wife and children. Yet I know that you are more important and to accept you as Lord of my life means everything I have been blessed with is yours to do as you wish. Forgive me when I put anything other than you on the throne of my life. Help me see clearly the priorities of my life and not worship or seek after things which cannot fill the needs that only you can supply.