

The Cost of Being the Lord's Disciple

Mathew 10:34–42

1. *Illustration 1:*

Jesus' purpose

- a. Came not to bring peace
- b. Came to bring a sword

34 “Do not suppose
that I have come to bring peace to the earth.
I did not come to bring peace,
but a sword.

2. *Illustration 2:*

A person's family

- a. The fact:
Christ sets the believer
against his family
- b. The demand:
Must love Christ supremely
- c. The reward:
Counted worthy vs. unworthy

35 For I have come to turn
‘a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law —

36 A man's enemies will be
the members of his own household.’

37 Anyone who loves his father or mother
more than me is not worthy of me;
anyone who loves his son or daughter
more than me is not worthy of me;

3. *Illustration 3:*

The cross

- a. Demand:
Die to self
- b. Reward:
Counted worthy vs.
unworthy of Christ

38 And anyone who does not take his cross
and follow me
is not worthy of me.

4. *Illustration 4:*

A person's life

- a. Demand:
Give up life
- b. The reward:
Lose life vs. find life

39 Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake
will find it.

5. *Illustration 5:*

A person's ministry

- a. The demand:
Welcome a believer
and minister to him

40 He who receives you receives me,
and he who receives me
receives the one who sent me.

<p>b. Reward: Will be great</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Will receive the presence of Christ and of God, v. 402) Will receive an equal reward, the same reward as the person to whom you minister3) The strong assertion: The smallest ministry or service will not lose its reward	<p>41 Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.</p> <p>42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."</p>
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