

**"The High Cost of
Discipleship"
Luke 9:23-26**

I. The Audience He Addressed

II. The Appeal He Issued

- 1. Deny Self**
- 2. Die to Self**
- 3. Follow Christ**

I am a part of the fellowship of the unashamed.
I have Holy Spirit power.
The die has been cast.
I have stepped over the line, the decision has
been made.
I am a disciple of His.
I won't look back, let up, slow down, back
away, or be still.
For my past is redeemed, my present makes
sense, my future is secure.
I am finished and done with low living, cheap
talking, sight walking, small planning, smooth
knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions,
worldly talking, cheap giving and dwarfed
goals.

I no longer need prominence, prosperity,
positions, promotions, plaudits or popularity.
I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized,
praised, regarded, or rewarded.
For now I love by faith, lean on His presence,
walk by patience, uplifted by prayer I labor with
power.
My faith is set, my gait is fast, and my goal is
heaven,
My road is narrow, my way is rough, my
companions are few, and my guide reliable. My
mission is clear. I cannot be bought,
compromised, detoured, lured away, turned
back, diluted or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate with the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, let up, shut up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go until He comes, give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He stops me.

Then when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me, for my banner will be clear!

III. The Argument He Presented

IV. The Acknowledgement He Requires