

Jesus' Parables of The Rash Builder and Wise Warring King

Two parables that teach about the high cost of being Jesus' disciple

Introduction

- A parable is an earthly story designed to teach a spiritual lesson through a comparison
- Many parables focused on the nature of the kingdom of God, its King and its citizens
- Today, Jesus' church is the visible manifestation of His kingdom

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- Jesus speaks two short parables to a multitude teaching that anyone who would be His disciple must carefully consider and willingly pay the high cost of following Him
- The builder who rashly builds is ridiculed by those who observe his unfinished work
- But, the wise warring king will make peace when he sees he lacks the resources to prevail in war

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- The continual high cost of being Jesus' disciple stands in stark contrast to modern false teachings emphasizing Jesus paid it all and leaving nothing for the would-be disciple to do but say the Sinner's prayer
- Then, after they are saved by the Sinner's prayer, they tell us the Holy Spirit miraculously enables them to understand and continually obey the Word so they can never be lost

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1. Background
2. The parables
3. Applications

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Nearing Jerusalem Great Multitudes Were Following Him

Luk 14:25 Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,

Luk 9:51 When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem;

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His Disciple Must Love Him More Than Family Members

Luk 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

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Gen 29:30 So *Jacob* went in to Rachel also, and indeed he loved Rachel more than Leah, and he served with Laban for another seven years.

Gen 29:31 Now the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

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Mat 10:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Mat 10:35 "For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;

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Mat 10:36 and A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

Mat 10:37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

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Following Jesus Must Be Done Because of Our Faith In God Not Men

1Co 4:6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.

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1Th 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

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Php 3:7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Php 3:8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

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Php 3:9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

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Php 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

Php 3:11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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His Disciple Must Carry His Own Cross and Come After Him

Luk 14:27 "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

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Mat 10:38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Luk 9:23 And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

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Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

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Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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1Pe 4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

1Pe 4:13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

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1Pe 4:14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1Pe 4:15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler;

1Pe 4:16 but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

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The Parable of The Rash Builder

Luk 14:28 "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?

Luk 14:29 "Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him,

Luk 14:30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

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The Parable of The Wise Warring King

Luk 14:31 "Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand *men* to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

Luk 14:32 "Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

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Luk 14:33 "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

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Mat 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

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Mat 6:25 "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Mat 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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The High Cost of Discipleship Is Worth It Now and in Eternity

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

Rom 8:17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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2Ti 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

2Ti 4:8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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