

## Calculate the cost

### Luke 14:26-30 (AMP)

<sup>26</sup> If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his [own] father and mother [in the sense of indifference to or relative disregard for them in comparison with his attitude toward God] and [likewise] his wife and children and brothers and sisters—[yes] and even his own life also—he cannot be My disciple.

<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not persevere *and* carry his own cross and come after (follow) Me cannot be My disciple.

<sup>28</sup> For which of you, wishing to build a farm building, does not first sit down and calculate the cost [to see] whether he has sufficient means to finish it?

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid the foundation and is unable to complete [the building], all who see it will begin to mock *and* jeer at him,

<sup>30</sup> Saying, This man began to build and was not able (worth enough) to finish.

### Luke 14:26-30 (TLB)

<sup>26</sup> "Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters—yes, more than his own life—otherwise he cannot be my disciple.

<sup>27</sup> And no one can be my disciple who does not carry his own cross and follow me.

<sup>28</sup> "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first getting estimates and then checking to see if he has enough money to pay the bills?

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise he might complete only the foundation before running out of funds. And then how everyone would laugh!

<sup>30</sup> " 'See that fellow there?' they would mock. 'He started that building and ran out of money before it was finished!'