

Jesus offers everyone the opportunity to learn from him a radical, loving way of life. This apprenticeship, where we can be the disciple and he the master and teacher, is offered only to those ready to meet the conditions Jesus sets. One of those conditions is to give up everything we own. Jesus also said, "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. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." These conditions are vital because following Jesus is the only way to God and into his beautiful kingdom.

However, these conditions are more than most people are willing to meet, which is why Jesus warned the crowds who were interested in him to carefully consider the cost of following him before starting. Many people think that they can follow Jesus while using their time and money to make a life of comfort and luxury for themselves, rather than giving everything over to Jesus' way of love and self-sacrifice. Most people think of themselves as loving but then hold onto and use things for their own enjoyment that could be used for serving God and helping others. Jesus will not accept half-way commitment or his kingdom would be full of only half-way loving people.

To find out more about what Jesus said and how to become a part of his kingdom, read the four books his early disciples wrote about him: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. For more encouragement to take Jesus seriously: www.jesussaid.info or +1 844 443 7243