

Defending the Faith
The Heart of a Disciple of Jesus Christ
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- 1) If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.** (John 15:6-8)

What kind of fruit does God expect YOU as a young adult to bear, as a disciple of Jesus Christ right now--this year of 2020?

- 2) How does your relationship with Jesus Christ affect your relationship with God the Father? (Use scripture(s) to support your answer)

- 3) And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world and lose himself or be cast away?" (Luke 9:23-25)

What did Jesus mean when He said we must carry our cross and follow Him?

Give examples of the cross you might be required to carry?

- 4) For which of you, intending to build a tower, **does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish it**— lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. (Luke 14-28-33)

What does it mean to **count the cost**?

What cost did some of Christ's disciples have to pay? *(Use scripture to support your answer)*

What cost are you now paying or might have to pay, to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

What is the cost of not being a disciple of Jesus Christ?