

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – JULY 28, 2010  
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**TITLE:** “Self-Denial With A Purpose”

**TEXT:** Luke 14:25-35

**INTRODUCTION:** In this passage Jesus sets forth the terms for discipleship. Three times He says, “Without which no one can be My disciple.” The severity of the terms are clear.

I: THE TERMS OF DISCIPLESHIP

1. Human relationships (v. 26)
2. Personal ambitions (v. 27)
3. Personal life and possessions (v. 33)

II: THE REASONS FOR THE STRINGENCY

1. A man who builds a tower (v. 28)
2. A king going to encounter another king in war (v. 31)
3. Explanation: It is He Who counts the cost!!!
  - a) He is the Builder desiring to erect a tower
  - b) He is the king going forth to war
  - c) He is asking men who will build and do battle!!

**CONCLUSION:** Chapter 14 ends with these words ... “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Notice in chapter 15 ....

- a) The tax collectors and sinners wanted to hear Him
- b) The scribes and the Pharisees murmured against Him

... When there is something to give up, all of us will be in one of these two camps eager to hear, or to walk away. Which one will it be???