

3 Parts to Spiritual Hearing

- 1. Grace (prevenient)** — God spiritually awakens us to receive God's voice
- 2. The Word** — God's voice pierces through the natural and infiltrates the spiritual person.
- 3. The Spirit** — Interprets God's voice to our spirit and brings transformation and rebirth.

Luke 14:35

Romans 10:17 (NIV)

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Faith Comes By Hearing

Whoever Has Ears
Luke 14:25-35

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Luke 14:34-35

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Luke 14:34-35 (NLT)

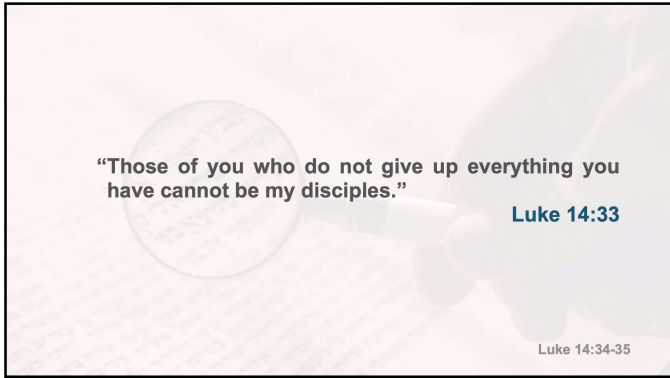
Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!”

Provision & Purpose

Observations


- 1) Where there is provision, there is purpose.**
- 2) God equipping comes with expectations.**
- 3) Your gift is meant to fulfill God’s goals.**

Luke 14:1-11



“Those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.”
Luke 14:33

Luke 14:34-35



The Cost of Discipleship
Luke 14:1-27



1. The Cost of Humility

- Luke 14:1-11
- Philippians 2:3

Cost of Discipleship: Luke 14:1-27

Philippians 2:3 (NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Follow-through

2. The Cost of Follow-through

- Luke 14:15-20
- **Matthew 21:28-32**
- Matthew 5:37

Cost of Discipleship: Luke 14:1-27

Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ “ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing.

Follow-through

Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)

He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you."

Follow-through

Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)

For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Follow-through

3 Common Distractions to Follow-through

- 1. **Field** (v. 18) — Investments, wealth
- 2. **Five Oxen** (v. 19) — Work, material possessions
- 3. **Marriage** (v. 20) — Family, relationships

Luke 14:18-20

3. The Cost of the “Wrong” Associations & Lost Reputation

- Luke 14:12-14, 21-23

Cost of Discipleship: Luke 14:1-27

STORY:
Encounter with a Homeless Man:
What if God was asking?

Luke 14:12-14

4. The Cost of Relentlessly Inviting People to Christ’s Banquet Table (aka sharing the Gospel)

- Luke 14:23-24
- Romans 10:14-20

Cost of Discipleship: Luke 14:1-27

Romans 10:14-17 (NIV)

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?

Faith Comes By Hearing

Romans 10:14-17 (NIV)

As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

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5. The Cost of Radical Love and Allegiance to Christ

- Luke 14:25-27

Cost of Discipleship: Luke 14:25-26

Luke 14:26-27 (AMP)

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 [in the sense of indifference to or relative disregard for them in comparison with his attitude toward God]—he cannot be My disciple.

Allegiance to Christ

Luke 14:26-27 (AMP)

27 Whoever does not carry his own cross [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow after Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me] cannot be My disciple.

Allegiance to Christ

Counting the Cost Calculator

[Everything You Can Give] minus

[Everything Christ Requires] equals

[The Need for a Savior]

Luke 14:28-33

**We will always come up
“Insufficient Funds”**

Counting Cost Calculator: Luke 14:33

ACTION ITEM

- 1) In the next 24-48 hours, commit to tell at least one unbeliever about Jesus.
- 2) Pray for God’s boldness, then follow-through.
