

When life hands  
you choices...  
choose Better!




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# The Decision to be a Disciple is...





Don't just listen to God's  
word. You must do what it  
says. Otherwise, you are  
only fooling yourselves.

(James 1:22, NLT)



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believer...



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but not every believer  
is necessarily a  
disciple.

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doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>a</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19

NIV

When you produce much  
fruit, you are my true  
disciples. This brings great  
glory to my Father.

(John 15:8, NLT)

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## 2. The Requirements of Discipleship





A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, “If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.

(Luke 14:25-33, NLT)



And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. But don't begin until you count the cost.

(Luke 14:25-33, NLT)



For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’

(Luke 14:25-33, NLT)



“Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? And if he can’t, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

(Luke 14:25-33, NLT)

# Jesus Seeks Quality Over Quantity

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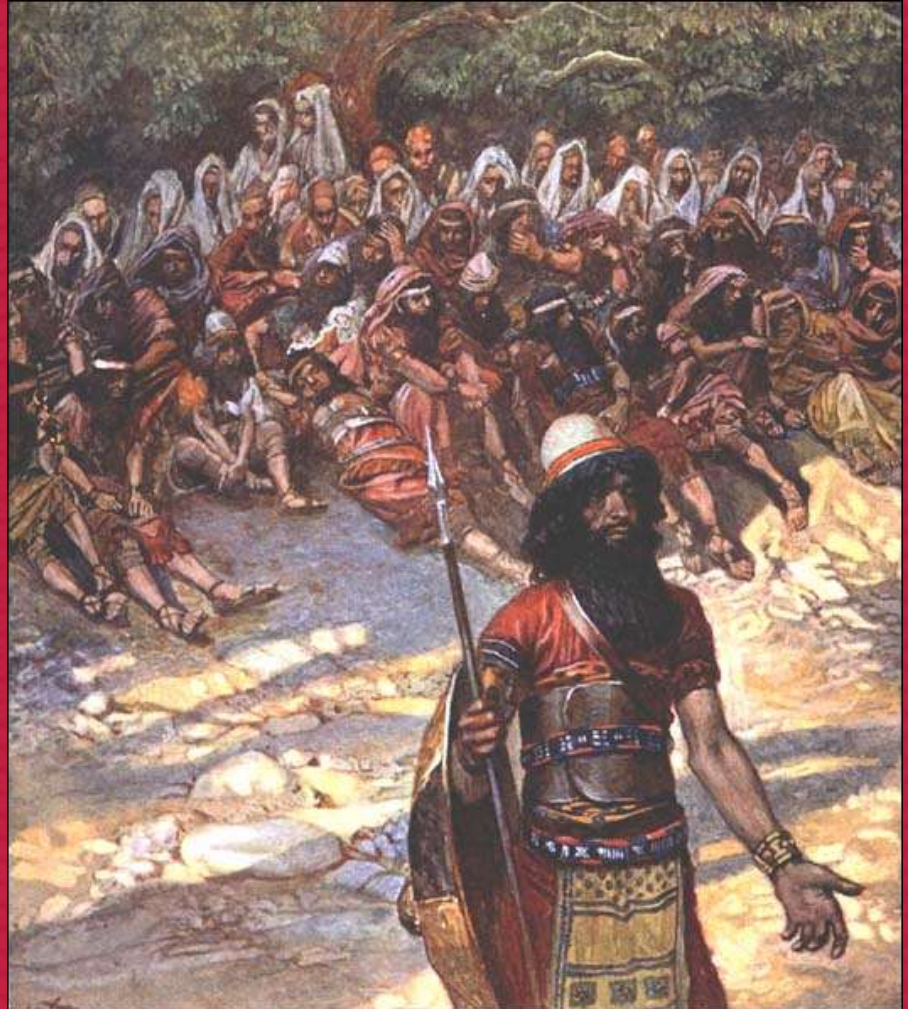
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The Lord said to  
Gideon, “You have  
too many men.”  
(Judges 7:2)

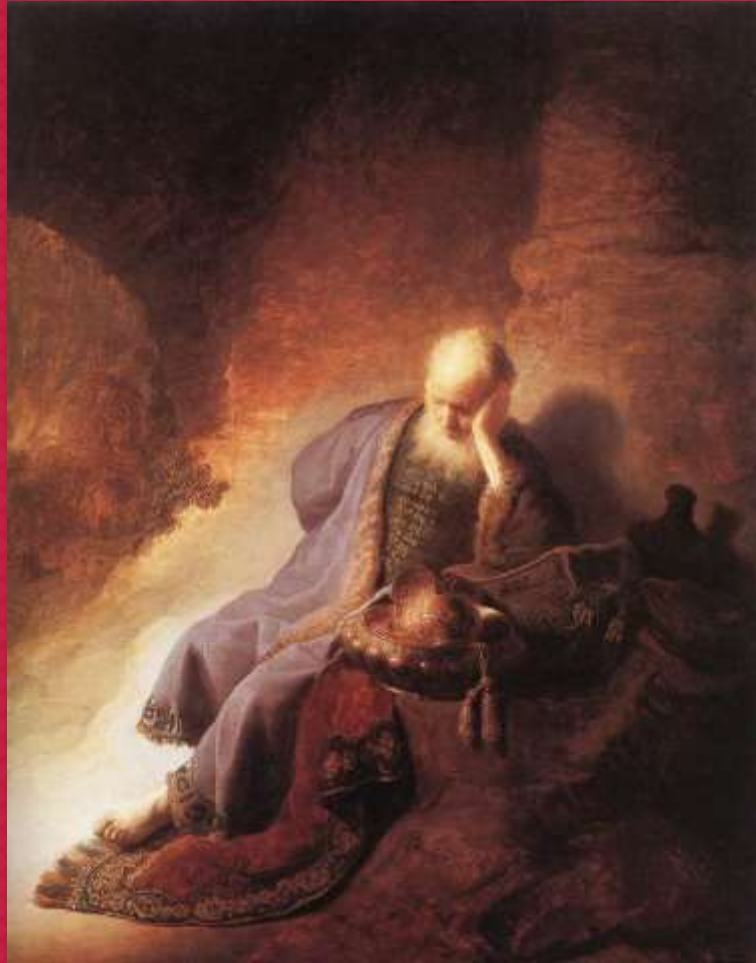
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# Jeremiah



“Jeremiah, I have made you a tester of metals, that you may determine the quality of my people.”

(Jeremiah 6:27)

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# Daniel



Daniel, man of  
quality, listen  
carefully to my  
message.

(Daniel 10:11, NLT)

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You can't keep your true self hidden forever; before long you'll be exposed. You can't hide behind a religious mask forever; sooner or later the mask will slip and your true face will be known. You can't whisper one thing in private and preach the opposite in public; the day's coming when those whispers will be repeated all over town.

(Luke 12:1-2, MSG)

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