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- B. It means “one who has been disciplined.”
 - 1. Discipline means “bring under control.”
 - 2. A disciple is one brought under the control of Jesus.

II. How Do We Become Disciples?

- A. First, we must receive Jesus as Savior.
- B. Then we must decide to be a disciple.
 - 1. We are challenged by the Word (vv. 25–26).
 - 2. We are convicted by the Holy Spirit.
 - 3. We must voluntarily subject ourselves to Christ.
 - a. Wives are to be in subjection to their husbands.
 - b. Parents are to bring children into subjection.
 - c. Christians must subject themselves to Jesus.
- C. It is deciding to make Jesus Lord of our lives.

III. What Does It Cost to Be a Disciple?

- A. Jesus points this out in the text.
 - 1. There is cost involved in discipleship.
 - 2. We won't be able to do everything we would like.
 - 3. We won't be able to do some things others do.
 - 4. We may be called on to make great sacrifices.
- B. Jesus said we should count the cost.
 - 1. He used two examples to illustrate.
 - a. The man building a tower (Luke 14:28–30).
 - b. The king going to war (Luke 14:31–33).
 - 2. Two things happen when one is unable to pay the price.
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