

# MESSAGE OUTLINE

Occasion : Evening Worship  
Date : October 2, 2016

**TITLE : WHERE WE NEED TO RISE FROM AS PEOPLE OF GOD**  
Text/s :

Luke 14:25-35

- 25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,  
26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.  
27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.  
28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?  
29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,  
30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.  
31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?  
32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.  
33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.  
34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?  
35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

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Bible Reading :

Col 1:10-18

- 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;  
11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;  
12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:  
13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:  
14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:  
15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:  
16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:  
17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.  
18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

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Eph 4:15-16

- 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:  
16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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Song :

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## INTRODUCTION

If there is a historical trademark to Christianity, it is this... that those who believe in Christ are willing to stake their lives for the cause of Christ. They are people who have grown up into Him in all things... who have made Him to be preeminent.. the Head.

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Eph 4:15

15 Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).  
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Acts 20:24

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.  
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Phil 2:17

17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.  
KJV

1 Thess 2:8

8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.  
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2 Cor 11:23-27

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.  
24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.  
25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;  
26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;  
27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.  
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Heb 11:33-38

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,  
34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

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Rom 16:1-4

1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:

2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

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Phil 2:25-30

25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:

30 **Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.**

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2 Cor 8:2-5

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

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1 John 3:16

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

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1 John 2:6

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

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1 Cor 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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There is always a cost to discipleship and doing the work of Christ. It cannot be without. There is always a beginning to a concerted effort. Everything begins with a personal commitment – the reason why Christ calls for each individual's dedication and consecration.

It is evident in Rom 12:1 that the church of Christ is a congregation of committed, dedicated, consecrated Christians.

Rom 12:1

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.  
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Rom 1:7

7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
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One of the more rewarding things a Christian can do is to win someone to Christ. But there's a lot more you do after you win him to Christ. You teach him discipleship. But then again, there's a lot more to "discipleship" than just understanding the meaning of it. And what we know about the meaning of disciple is being a "learner," a "pupil." True discipleship therefore has its beginning from learning truth and being able to have the truth turn into a discipline in his life. If you learn something about Christian faith, and you do not transform that into a discipline in your life, then you have not learned true discipleship.

Matt 13:20-23

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;  
21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.  
22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.  
23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

John 15:14

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.  
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John 8:31

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;  
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John 13:35

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.  
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John 15:8

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.  
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Matt 16:24-25

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.  
25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

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Luke 9:57-62

57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

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Here are the conditions of being related with Christ and His work. Here is what Christ and His Work entails.

**A) We need to rise above relational attachments on earth which we take as being in conflict with the work of God.**

Luke 14:26

26 **If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters,** yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26

26 If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his [own] father and mother [in the sense of indifference to or relative disregard for them in comparison with his attitude toward God] and [likewise] his wife and children and brothers and sisters — [yes] and even his own life also — he cannot be My disciple.

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Matt 10:32-39

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

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Ps 73:25-26

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

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Phil 3:8

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

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- 1) This is a statement of comparison; not of physical hate. Nothing should compare with our learning, knowing, serving Christ and doing His work. It is more than any relations.
- 2) Relations always want time, attention, priority, etc.
- 3) None can compare with what Christ gave. More than earthly relations gave.
- 4) None can compare with the extent of what Christ gave. Eternity.

Mark 10:28-30

- 28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.  
 29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,  
 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

John 6:67-68

- 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?  
 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

## **B) We need to rise above personal interests.**

Luke 14:26

- 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, **yea, and his own life also**, he cannot be my disciple.

Matt 10:39

- 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

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- 1) We always want to have things for ourselves. Our self clamors for more. Our desires, appetites, pleasures.
- 2) We are moved by all things in life, all for our own.

Acts 20:24

- 24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 21:13-14

- 13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.  
 14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

Phil 2:19-21

- 19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.  
 20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.  
 21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

Phil 2:30

- 30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

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30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Rev 12:11

- 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

**C) We need to rise above things that burdens that weigh us down.**

Luke 14:27

- 27 **And whosoever doth not bear his cross**, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Luke 9:23-24

- 23 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.  
24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

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Heb 12:1

- 12 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

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2 Thess 3:10-12

- 10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.  
11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.  
12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

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Eph 4:28

- 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

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2 Thess 3:6-13

- 6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.  
7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;  
8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:  
9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.  
10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.  
11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.  
12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.  
13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

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Acts 20:34-35

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

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Matt 10:38

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

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- 1) Our life crosses affect our decisions. They may be pressures, trials, problems, conflicts, plans, etc.
- 2) When we go through some pains, we give up.

2 Cor 4:8-10

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2 Cor 4:16-18

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

#### **D) We need to rise above impulse.**

Luke 14:28-30

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

2 Tim 4:10

10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

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2 Tim 4:11

11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

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Acts 15:37-38

37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

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James 1:8

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

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Prov 25:19

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

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### **E) We need to rise above merely dreaming about success and victories.**

Luke 14:31-32

31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

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- 1) We lay confidence in many things. But true discipleship is more than any confidence we have. Our confidence is Christ.

Ps 118:8

8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Prov 3:26

26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

Phil 3:3

3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

### **F) We need to rise above greed and the desire for possession.**

Luke 14:33

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

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Gal 5:24

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

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Gal 2:20

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

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Col 3:2

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

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2 Cor 3:5

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

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John 15:5

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

(KJV)

Phil 2:13

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.  
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Phil 4:13

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.  
(KJV)

**G) We need to rise above being wanting in influence, impact, usefulness and being profitable before Him.**

Luke 14:34-35

34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Lev 2:13

13 And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

KJV

Matt 25:30

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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**TO BE A CHRISTIAN is good: but if the CHRISTIAN has lost his SENSE OF DISCIPLESHIP, WHAAT IS THE USE OF HIS BEING A CHRISTIAN? HE is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.**