



HOW TO BUILD A TOWER: The Story of the Tower Builders

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Text: Luke 14:28-30

Introduction: It seems that everywhere Jesus went there were people that wanted to follow Him. Jesus was clearly trying to define the terms of discipleship. This commitment to follow Christ is not an easy one. The context and theme of these two parables prove that disciples must count the cost of discipleship. Let's study the first one together. . . .

Discussion:

I. THE WISE BUILDER = FINISHED TOWER

Proverbs 2:8, Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 9:10, Psalm 111:10

II. THE FOOLISH BUILDER = UNFINISHED TOWER

Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 30:32, Proverbs 14:16, Ecclesiastes 2:14

III. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TOWER YOU ARE BUILDING

The Tower of Salvation

Hebrews 11:6, Romans 10:9-10, Luke 13:3, Acts 2:38

The Tower of Obedience

Romans 6:3-7, Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:11-16

The Tower of Dedication

Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:32-37, Romans 16:16

IV. THE GREAT COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Conditions of Discipleship

Matthew 7:24-27, Matthew 6:33, Luke 14:26

The Obstacles of Discipleship (i.e. Persecution)

Matthew 5:10, Romans 8:35, II Timothy 3:12

Conclusion: Many people do not count the cost of discipleship. Christian living requires us to take up our cross daily. Do you have a strong foundation? Are you counting the cost? Have you surrendered totally to Christ? Jesus has already paid the price for your work. He has poured his blood, sweat, and tears into the foundation of the life you are building. All you just have to provide the effort to complete the work He has begun in you (**Philippians 1:6**). Are you ready to get back to work?

WORD OF THE DAY = "TOWER"