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## BUILDING FOR ETERNITY

**“Which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it...”**

**Luke 14:28 (NKJV)**

**Our Lord was not referring here to a cost which we have to count, but to a cost which He has already counted.** The cost was those thirty years in Nazareth, those three years of popularity, scandal, and hatred, the unfathomable agony He experienced in Gethsemane, and the assault upon Him at Calvary-the central point upon which all of time and eternity turn. **Jesus Christ has counted the cost. In the final analysis, people are not going to laugh at Him and say, “This man began to build and was not able to finish” (16-30).**

**The conditions of discipleship given to us by our Lord in verses 26, 27, and 33 mean that the men and women He is going to use in His mighty building enterprises are those in whom He has done everything.** “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own lie(correction)...Life) also, **he cannot be My disciple” (14:26).** This verse teaches us that the only men and women our Lord will use in His building enterprises are those who love Him personally, passionately, and with great devotion – those who have a love for Him that goes far beyond any of the closest relationships on earth. **The conditions are strict, but they are glorious.**

**All that we build is going to be inspected by God. When God inspects us with His searching and refining fire, will He detect that we have built enterprises of our own on the foundation of Jesus? (see 1 Corinthians 3:10-15).** We are living in a time of tremendous enterprises; a time when we are trying to work for God, and that is where the trap is. **Profoundly speaking, we can never work for God. Jesus, as the Master Builder, takes us over so that He may direct and control us completely for His enterprises and His building plans; and no one has any right to demand where he will be put to work. AMEN.**

Oswald Chambers

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

