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Luke 25:33 So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

This is the third stipulation I want us to look at in relation to being a disciple of Jesus Christ. The first resource was looking at who we love and the second resource was looking at whether we will pick up our cross and follow Him.

Possessions are anything from property, land, finances, vehicles, homes etc. When people read this they automatically think that they can't own these things at all, but this is not the case. Like in the first and second stipulations, Jesus is addressing the heart and who in fact has our heart, or what has our heart.

Is it still ourselves?

Is it another person?

Because it's not Him are we not prepared to take up our cross and do His Will?

Jesus knows full well that loving oneself, loving others, living for self, and having material positions entangled in and around one's heart, will have them completely unable and incapable of expressing the Will of the Father in and through their life. The life that the Father has given them for this very thing, to glorify His name.

We see in Mark 6:8-9 these words of Jesus Himself.

"and He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belt— but to wear sandals; and He added, "Do not put on two tunics."

And then we see these words of Jesus in Luke 22:36

"And He said to them, "But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one."

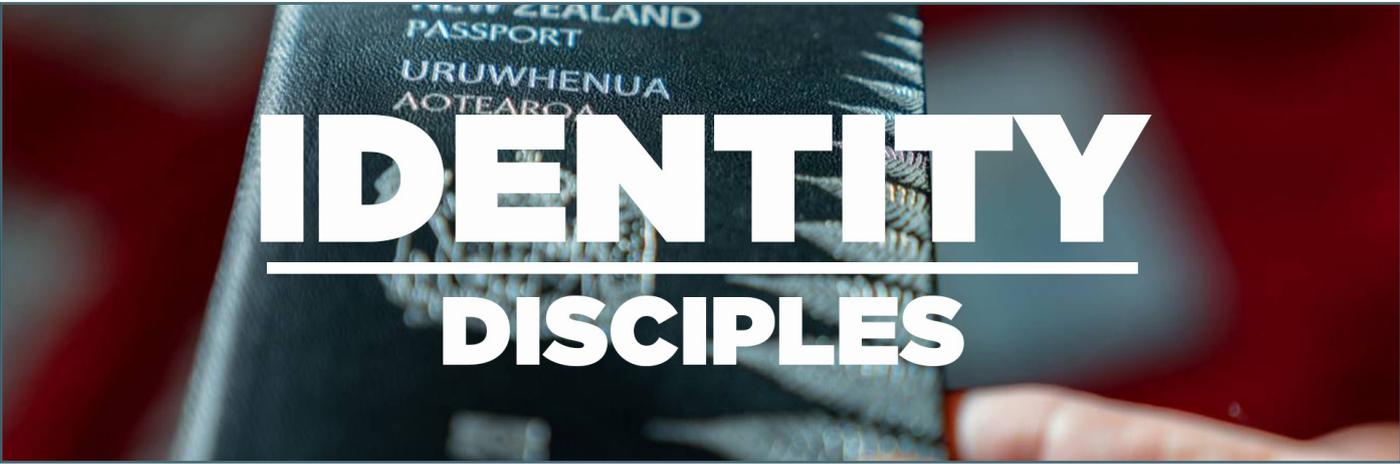
This could be very confusing for the one who is not in alignment with the Spirit and what the Spirit is wanting to accomplish, when He desires to accomplish it. All of this truly tests the true state of our hearts and whether in fact God has our entire heart or not. We like to think that God having 50% of our heart is a thing that is real in Him.

This is the Truth. He either has all your heart or none of your heart, because He asks us to give Him ALL of ourselves, not 50%. We love to justify ourselves out of this ALL dimension, by saying things like, "He has this much of me, or He can have this but He can't have that," and we call this Lordship. Lordship is ALL or NOTHING, so with this being the case, how many of us as His followers are in Lordship to Christ.

The words of Christ are spirit and life. Those who do not give up all their own possessions can not be My disciple, for the possession will get in the way of living the all inclusive life in Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. How important are our own possessions to us?
2. What does it look like to be free of one's own possessions?



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3. How many of us would say our possessions have a hold over us?
4. Why is being free in your heart from self, others and possessions so essential for being His disciple?

ACTION POINT: What action point do we need to take away from tonight?