



**If you love anyone or
anything more than Me, you
can not be My disciple!**







What has God given and continues to give us

1. He created me when I was not
2. He created me in His image!
3. All of creation
4. People who love me
5. The gift of speech
6. My senses, mind, thoughts, psyche, emotions
7. The ability to move, work, create
8. Home, car, comforts, luxuries

What has God given and continues to give us

9. Opened His house for me → the ability to approach Him & stand before Him!
10. The ability to partake of His Body & Blood
11. He took the punishment, which I rightly deserved
12. He covered me, helped me, guarded me, accepted me to Himself, spared me ...
13. He allowed me to wake up this morning
14. "What do you have that you did not receive?" (1 Cor. 4:7)
15. He gave me and you an endless "supply of marbles"

And what does He ask for?

Only, please don't love those people or things (those marbles) more than Me!



Are you a Christ-ian?

Christian = follower of Christ

John 3:16 $\neq$ Revelation 3:16

God so loved the world
That He gave His
Only Begotten Son

because you are lukewarm and
neither cold nor hot, I will
vomit you out of My mouth

Before I call myself a Christian I need to count the cost

- ❖ My home, which He gave me?
- ❖ My car, which He gave me?
- ❖ My ability to walk, speak & listen, which He gave me?
- ❖ My time, rest, sleep, money, which He gave me?
- ❖ My own life, which He gave me?
 - ❖ My rights?

Before you answer!



ALL His commandments
are in fact for our benefit!
Like parent & child
"A good measure, pressed
down, shaken together
and running over will be put
into your bosom" (Luke 6:38)



He gives you **DOUBLE** for your trouble

- ❖ 80% or 90% $>$ 100% !
- ❖ 3 hours $<$ 1 hour !
- ❖ I forgive = I am the one who is released !
- ❖ I serve/love = I am
the one who feels
comfort & joy !

Holding onto anger is
like drinking poison
and expecting the
other person to die.

So I need to

- Count the cost before I call myself a Cristian
- Love the Giver more than the gifts
- Share with Him anything and everything since He has given it to me anyway
- And when I do this, all the benefits are actually overflowing over me
- Simply BECAUSE He is good and His mercy endures forever & He happens to love me
- WHATEVER I give up for the glory of His name is already a gift from Him and will be a benefit to me and those around me



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