

Which of you would do it? Well of course these ~~disciples~~ ^{all} disciples would say, Of course we wouldn't do ~~it~~ a fool thing like that. But there are plenty of people today who have done it. You go through the country, ^{and} you find people who have started a great work and had insufficient resources to complete it, and it stands there half done. The Lord said, that is not the way to do things. Sit down and count the cost, and know what you are doing. Have faith in the Lord, but do not have presumption. Do not assume that the Lord is going to do whatever you want Him to do. But have faith that He will accomplish ~~for~~ great things, but see what your resources are, what your situation is, and look at things objectively. So he said, "Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. 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? Or ^{while} else, ~~while~~ the other is ~~yet~~ yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and ~~desireth~~ ^{not} desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whatsoever he be of you that forsaketh, ^{not} all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." We should put the Lord's glory and purposes first in our lives if we are going to be able to accomplish anything worthwhile for Him, but we must find out what abilities we have. Find ~~what~~ what resources we have. We must consider and look forward to the future.

I knew a man in Los Angeles some years ago. He was a some form of medicine. ~~I~~ ^{or an} ~~forget~~ Not regular, ordinary. I forget whether it was chiropractor, /osteopath, what- ever it was he had a very fine practice. He was getting on excellently. He had a wife and three children and he -- somebody talked to him and told him that life insurance was wrong. He should not have it. He should trust the Lord. And he ~~can~~ cancelled all the life insurance that he had and ten days later he was suddenly taken sick and he died. And that woman with several children was left there with absolutely nothing, and she looked to the Lord and her friends came and helped her and she went and got training and managed to raise those children, but what a struggle she went through.