

Allegiance

Matthew 10:32

Confession

- Whoever acknowledges me before men,
 - “confesses in me”
- I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.

Confession

- Whoever disowns me before men,
 - “deny, reject”
- I will also disown him before my Father in heaven.

Confession

- Those who persecute the disciples will call on them to deny Jesus.
- Loyalty to Jesus secures the loyalty of Jesus on judgment day.

Devotion

- Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace...
- I did not come to bring peace,
 - but a sword.

Devotion

- The coming of Christ does not magically bring an end to all human conflict.
 - The message of the cross is divisive.
 - The gospel alienates unbelievers.

Devotion

- I have come to turn
 - a man against his father
 - a daughter against her mother
 - a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law
 - a man's enemies - the members of his own household

Devotion

- Even the closest relationships will be divided by the message of Christ.

Devotion

- Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me
 - is not worthy of me.
- anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me
 - is not worthy of me

Devotion

- Loyalty to Christ comes before loyalty to family.
- Close relationships must not stand in the way of service to God.

Devotion

- Devotion to family is important,
 - but it must not interfere with devotion to the Lord.

Devotion

- anyone who does not take his cross and follow me
 - is not worthy of me

Devotion

- Whoever finds his life
 - will lost it
- whoever loses his life for my sake
 - will find it

Devotion

- Christ demands complete devotion.
- Disciples must be willing to sacrifice their lives for him.

Reward

- He who receives you, receives me
- he who receives me, receives the one who sent me.

Reward

- a prophet's reward
- a righteous man's reward
- a disciple's reward
 - "certainly not lose his reward"

Reward

- Those who accept the message of the disciples
 - will be accepted by God.
- They will receive the reward of eternal life.

Allegiance

- Acknowledge Christ in all things.
- Be fully devoted to him.
- Receive the promise of eternal life.