

# Overcoming Mediocrity

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Assignment for tonight:

1. Memorize 2 Cor 10:3-5
2. Write your own obituary
3. Identify the theme of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians
4. Bring two passages that relate to tonight's topic: Need, Value, Cost ... "Your Commitment"

## Need, Value, Cost ... Your Commitment

Psalms 90:1-10, 12

Ephesians 5: 14-15

We are here only a little while...let's make the most of it. It will set us free. Freedom from mediocrity is costly. Ex: Our founding fathers 'declared their independence'

**NEED:** Romans chapters 1-3

Rom 3:9-20, 23

**VALUE:** Jesus explains

John 6:51-58, 60, 66 -- Thinning of the ranks

Luke 14: 25-33 – True Commitment

Personal relationships v.26 – A matter of priorities

Personal Goals & Desires v.27 – Self denial

Personal Possessions v.33 – Values that are priceless

**Cost:** Jesus does this...not us

Luke 14:28-32

Read carefully and explain why Jesus counts the cost and then it's up to us to be among the "few strong quality minded, skilled artisans or champions whose commitment is solid as stone – the cost will be great!"

## **Some questions:**

1. Since life is so brief, what are some things you need to deal with that will enable you to soar during your remaining years? Be specific.
2. Has peer pressure paralyzed you? Can you write your own declaration of independence?
3. Where are you in the Luke 14 account? Among the few close followers or the many spectators? Why?
4. Do you have any personal relationships that hinder your commitment to Christ? If so, what are they and are you willing to do something about them?
5. What about your own goals and desires? Is self denial your strong suit...or your downfall?