"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and his mother, his wife and children, his brother and sister-yes even His own life he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26)



"No, that is not right!" this is what you may say in your heart, and think in your mind. "Impossible that Jesus would ask me to hate my father and mother, my wife and children, my brother and sister, even to hate my own life. No I don't believe and I don't agree with that, even I don't believe that Jesus can say that."

But wait, don't be emotional, when Jesus said to hate someone whoever he is whether mother, father, etc, the meaning of that is not to love them more than the Lord. Because when you love someone more than the Lord you are favoring Him over Jesus and His words and commands.

What are the bad effects when you love some one more than the Lord?

1- Compromising: you would try to bypass what the Lord had said in His words for the sake of the person that you love, so that you will not offend him.

- **2- Favoritism and injustice:** You favor the one you love over others and even you are ready to bring injustice just to satisfy who you love.
- 3- Disobeying Gods words: "Jesus replied if anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." (John 14:23) If you love any thing more than the Lord, surely this will lead you sooner or later to break God's words and His commands.

But remember, when you love Jesus and His words more than anything else, He will teach you His ways and when you follow His ways you will find yourself loving others more than you did before because Jesus would teach you the true love of God and how to love others in the rig way.



My Prayer

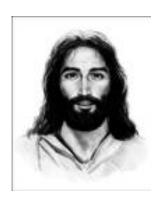
Father God, I come before you un the name of Jesus who died for me on the cross to give me eternal life. O, Lord teach me your ways and how to love you more than anything else in my life. Thank you Lord, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name. Amen.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

(Matthew 10:37)

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"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."

(Matthew 10:37)