

Passages that may be confusing

Luke 14:26

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple.”

“Hate” here is an exaggerated way of saying that one must love Jesus even more than his immediate family. It does not mean we have to hate our family, but simply love Christ more than anything else including those closest to us in our life.

Discipleship is an either/or situation. We need to hate everything that might possibly come between us and Him, or else we cannot be His disciples. This phrase does not apply to Christian homes.