

**SPIRITUAL TASK—
IT'S EASIER TO STAY OUT THAN TO GET OUT**

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Story The Lord gives an example of a person setting out to build a tower and that of course he determines the cost and whether he can afford it before he begins to build. And of a king going to battle who naturally assesses the situation before going into battle.

Meaning To avoid stress the Lord is advising us to choose our commitments carefully and prayerfully. It's a trap to make a commitment without thinking about the future. It is also suggested to consider that it is easier to stay out than to get out of a situation, be it financial, relational or having to do with time commitments.

Task This week look before you leap, think before you speak, and pray before you make decisions of moderate or higher magnitude. Don't use this as an excuse never to commit to anything, simply choose wisely, after due consideration.