

The Path of Discipleship

Mark 8:34-36

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Three words about being a disciple:

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1. Follow

A. self-denial

Dethrone the King: Dying to Self

When you are forgotten or neglected or purposely set at naught, and you sting and hurt with the insult or the oversight, but your heart is happy, being counted worthy to suffer for Christ-that is dying to self.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, or even defend yourself, but take all in patient loving silence-that is dying to self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, or any annoyance, when you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, and endure it as Jesus endured it-that is dying to self.

When you are content with any food, any offering, any raiment, any climate, any society, any attitude, any interruption by the will of God-that is dying to self.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works, or itch after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown-that is dying to self.

When you see your brother prosper and have his needs met and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances-that is dying to self.

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself, can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart-that is dying to self.

- Bill Britton

Three words about being a disciple:

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1. Follow

A. self-denial

B. Cross bearing

C. Follow me

-1 John 4:19

Three words about being a disciple:

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1. Follow

2. Follower

A. a person who is more than a crowd

B. a discipline is someone who believes
not just reacts

C. a witness who realizes danger occur

D. a believer who is growing in faith

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1. Follow
2. Follower
3. Followed

Psalms 23:6

A. the hounds of heaven

B. confident assurance