

Quote: “Keep your hand in that of the Master, walk daily by His side, so that you may lead others into the realms of true happiness, where a religion of hate (which poisons both body and soul) will be unknown.”—**George Washington Carver**

SERVE AS JESUS SERVED

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; ¹¹ Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; ¹² Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; ¹³ Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.” (Romans 12:10-13)

“And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” (Matthew 10:42)

SOW WHAT JESUS SOWED

“But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: ⁴⁴ And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:43-45)

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

CONCLUSION _____



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“And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.” (Matthew 10:38-39)

INTRODUCTION _____

1. The _____ of Discipleship

A. _____ Self

“And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

Quote: “Christians cannot serve Christ without taking up the cross; this means being crucified to self and bearing His reproach.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

OUR SELF INTEREST

“If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.” (John 12:26)

OUR SELF THOUGHT

“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20:24)

Quote: “Over the years, I’ve learned not simply to think less of myself but to think about myself less. When I’m thinking most about Jesus, not me, I’m most happy.”—**Randy Alcorn**

B. _____ Christ

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:” (2 Corinthians 5:14)

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Philippians 1:21)

WE LOSE PURPOSE WHEN WE FAIL TO INVEST OUR LIFE FOR CHRIST

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. ²⁵ He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.” (John 12:24–25)

Quote: “The only hope of a decreasing self is an increasing Christ.”—**F. B. Meyer**

“He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30)

2. The _____ of Selfishness

A. _____ Passion

Quote: “When you’re unhappy, you get to pay a lot of attention to yourself. And you get to take yourself oh so very seriously.”

Quote: “If all our focus is on ourselves, everything else is out of focus.”

“For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²² For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun? ²³ For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.” (Ecclesiastes 2:21–23)

Quote: “A person all wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.”

Quote: “What we need is to be so gripped by Jesus and His grace that we truly forget about ourselves. Why would we want to think about ourselves, the lesser, when we can think about Him, the infinitely greater? This happens directly, when we worship and serve Him, and also indirectly, when we love and serve others for His glory.”—**Randy Alcorn**

B. _____ of Purpose

WE LOSE PURPOSE WHEN WE FAIL TO FOCUS ON CHRIST

3. The _____ of Serving

A. Freedom from Selfish _____

A DAILY DECISION

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)

A STRESS RELIEVING DECISION

“Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.” (Luke 17:33)

“There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; And there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.” (Proverbs 11:24)

B. Discovery of Life’s _____

SEE WHAT JESUS SEES

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. ⁴ Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” (Philippians 2:3–4)