



DENYING SELF

Matthew 16:21-28 (p 1131)

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It is a life of desiring - the heart must be willing.
It is a life of denying self - the heart must be empty.
It is a life of cross-bearing - the heart must endure.
It is a life of following - the heart must obey.

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THE HEART DESIRES TO COME AFTER JESUS

- ✓ A servant knows he is subjected to his master
- ✓ “If anyone desires to come after me”

The full measure

Mark 12:30 (p 1169)

Jesus desired

Matthew 26:39 (p 1146)

My decisions

James 4:13-15 (p 1389)

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THE HEART IS WILLING TO EMPTY SELF-WILL

✓ Self-denial begins with denying self

“Declare something to be untrue; disowning a person; abrogate, forsake, renounce”

Matthew 26:69-74 (p 1147)

Galatians 2:20 (p 1338)

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THE HEART IS WILLING TO BEAR A CROSS

- ✓ Jesus said, “Take up his cross”
- ✓ Complete submission; no future; no power
- ✓ Submission must be carried
- ✓ MY CROSS - **1 Corinthians 10:13 (p 1318)**
Example: **Acts 16:25 (p 1275)**

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THE HEART IS OBEDIENT TO THE SHEPHERD

- ✓ Jesus said, “Follow me”
 - ✓ His will is my will
 - ✓ His word is my word
 - ✓ His desire is my desire

John 10:3-5 (p 1235)



FOR WHOEVER DESIRES TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT,
BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE WILL FIND
IT. FOR WHAT PROFIT IS IT TO A MAN IF HE GAINS THE
WHOLE WORLD, AND LOSES HIS OWN SOUL? OR WHAT
WILL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL?

MATTHEW 16:25-26 (P 1132)

LET YOUR CONDUCT BE WITHOUT COVETOUSNESS; BE
CONTENT WITH SUCH THINGS AS YOU HAVE. FOR HE
HIMSELF HAS SAID, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR
FORSAKE YOU." SO WE MAY BOLDLY SAY: "THE
LORD IS MY HELPER; I WILL NOT FEAR. WHAT
CAN MAN DO TO ME?"

HEBREWS 13:5-6 (P 1384)

To be crucified means, first, the man on the cross is facing only one direction; second, he is not going back; and third, he has no further plans of his own.

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