

Daily Embrace the Lord's Will Notes

Luke 9:23b

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Main Point: Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life.

Four Conditions

1. Desire – A person must desire to be a disciple.
2. Denial – It is a call to deny self.
3. Death – “Take up his cross daily...”
4. Devotion – “Follow me”

Take up his Cross Daily

1. To “Take up” means, “to _____ up.”
 - It essentially means “to _____ from the ground.”
 - It is a _____ to do it now, with no delay.
 - This command was given after the disciples had picked up the leftovers from the feeding of the 5,000 (Matthew 14:20).
2. The command to “take up” shows crosses are _____ forced on our backs.
 - They don’t come against our _____.
 - It is a burden we _____ to bear for Christ’s sake.
3. Christ bore a cross we can _____ bear when He carried the collective weight of our sins and endured the righteous wrath of our holy God.
 - We are called to carry _____ cross, not His.
 - We are not called to carry someone else’s cross.
4. Questions
 - Are you willing to lose your closest friends?
 - Are you willing to be alienated from your family?
 - Are you willing to lose your reputation?
 - Are you willing to lose your life?
5. The key is to be _____ for them to happen.
6. Cross-bearing means being willing to pay _____ price for Christ’s sake.
7. To Carry your cross meant you were bearing it until you eventually reached the place where you would be _____.
 - Everyone knew the person was saying goodbye to _____.
 - There was _____ turning back.

- We are called to crucify the cult of self-fulfillment, self-promotion, and self-_____.
 - We are to die to our rights.
8. A disciple is facing one direction, he is not going back, and has no further plans of his _____.
- Romans 12:1 challenges us to give our lives fully to the Lord.

Death is to be Daily

1. It must be a _____ decision of the will because discipleship is a daily discipline where we follow Jesus one step at a time, one day at a time.
2. Because every morning when I get up my flesh wants to be fed, my desires want to dominate, and my will wants what I want.
3. Seeing ourselves as crucified with Christ gives us _____ to live the Christian life (1 Corinthians 15:31, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 5:24, Galatians 6:14).

Encouragements from Charles Spurgeon

1. You cannot be a disciple unless you take up your _____.
2. Think of those who've come before you who have carried a _____ cross (Hebrews 11:36-38).
3. Contemplate the severe sufferings of our _____ (1 Peter 2:21).
4. _____ will be given to help you bear your cross.
5. Cross-bearing will be a _____.
6. Jesus is _____ when you carry your cross.
7. In a short time, your cross will be exchanged for a _____.

Discipleship is difficult, but it's also a _____ (Hebrew 12:2).