

Everything You Have

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Deny Self

“Then he said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.’”

(Luke 9:23-25)

Offer your Body as a Living Sacrifice

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.”

(Romans 12:1-2)



The Process

1. First Things First - You've Got to Have a Desire
2. Deny Self
3. Take Up Your Cross "Daily"
4. Follow Jesus
5. Offer Your Body As A Living Sacrifice "...*holy and pleasing to God.*" (Romans 12:1-2)
6. Don't Conform to This World
7. Be Transformed - to change into another form, to transform, to transfigure
 - Christ's appearance was changed and was resplendent with divine brightness on the mount of Transfiguration



Desire

“Make me want to follow your covenant laws instead of wanting to gain things only for myself.” (Psalm 119:36, NIRV)

Commit to Obey

“I have thought about the way I live. And I have decided to follow your covenant laws. I won’t waste any time. I will be quick to obey your commands.”(Psalm 119:59-60, NIRV)



THIS IS WHAT THE WORD SAYS ABOUT WHO JESUS CHRIST IS

“You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.”

(Luke 3:22)

“To preach good news to the poor and to proclaim release to the captive.”

(Luke 4:18)

“The architect of the universe, able to heal” (Luke 8:25)

“Lord of the Sabbath” (Luke 6:5)



You are the Messiah

(Luke 9:20)

- Sovereign
- Omniscient
- Omnipresent
- Omnipotence
- All-powerful,
- All-good
- God is eternal - Deuteronomy 33:27
- God is Spirit - John. 4:24
- Jesus Christ is Eternal - John 14:20



- **Who Do You Say That Jesus Christ Is?**
- **Why is it important to have an accurate view of who Jesus Christ is?**

- To the extent that we know and trust him we will submit to His authority and character.
- Only when we have a comprehensive and accurate view of His identity—His deity, His holiness, His authority, His distinctiveness—only then are we willing to fully surrender to Him.



The call to surrender is a call to launch into the deep.

1. "Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4)
2. Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed him. (Luke 5:11)
"Everything." All their things.

Who are we in Christ?

1. Jesus Christ modeled surrender and submission when He obeyed the plan of God to redeem man.
2. Deny. Cross. Lose. Follow.



What is the Essence of Discipleship?

1. **Deny yourself - How do I accomplish this?**
 - Take up your cross
2. **How often must I do this?**
 - Daily
3. **Who is my model?**
 - Jesus, follow Me.



What is the Essence of Discipleship?

4. What will the result be?

- Lose your life for My sake, and you will find it.

5. The disciple finds her life in Him, in being “hidden with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3), so that everything of hers—every behavior, every word, every passion, every purpose—takes its surrendered place under the umbrella of imitating Christ and His example.

6. Jesus offers to us, His disciples, untold and eternal profit from our unfettered surrender



The Distinguishing Difference Between A Believer and A True Disciple

**To Be In, To Be With or To Be Of Christ
Galatians 5:24**

- A true disciple has chosen the narrow road
- Has Released Control
- Gives unhindered access to every part of your life

The goal is to become a fully formed copy of Jesus Christ by identifying with Him and imitating him in every way and in every aspect of your lives



The Process of Being His Disciple

- Being a student
- Learning about Him
- Having our minds renewed
- The way we speak
- The way we behave
- The restraint we exhibit
- The humility we exude
- The kindness we share
- The perspective we have
- The choices we make
- The priorities we maintain



Rewards for being a Disciple that Keeps Christ's Commands

When we keep—that is, observe, remember, and apply—the commands of Jesus Christ, Scripture explains that many rewards will follow.

1. God will love us and reveal Himself to us. *“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him”* (John 14:21).

2. God will dwell with us. *“If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him”* (John 14:23).

3. We will abide in God's love, and our joy will be full.

“If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full” (John 15:10 –11).



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4. We will know that we know and love God. *“And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. . . . Whoso keeps his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him” (1 John 2:3, 5). “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15).*

5. We will show love to God's children. *“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments” (1 John 5:2).*

6. We will be friends of Christ. *“Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you” (John 15:14).*



Rewards for being a Disciple that Keeps Christ's Commands

7. Our prayers will be answered. *“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” (1 John 3:22).*

8. We will be disciples. *“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:34–35).*

