

# *Christ's Description of a Disciple*

Matthew 16:21-28



# I. A True Disciple Must Deny Himself.

*“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself...”*

## 1 Corinthians 4:10-13

*We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored!*

*<sup>11</sup>To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless.*

*<sup>12</sup>And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;*

*<sup>13</sup>being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.*



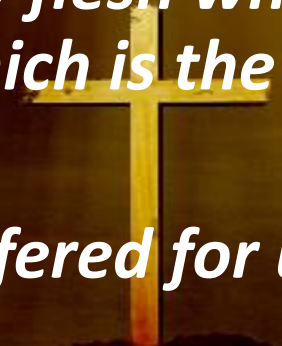
## II. Take up Your Cross.

*“If anyone desires to come after Me,  
let him deny himself and take up his cross...”*

*Phil. 3:10, ...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death...*

*Col. 1:24, I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church.*

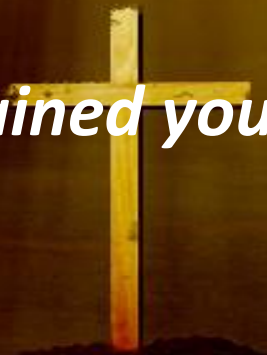
*1 Peter 2:21, For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:*



# III. Follow Me.

*“If anyone desires to come after Me,  
let him deny himself,  
and take up his cross,  
and follow Me.”*

*John 15:16, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and ordained you  
to go and bring forth much fruit”*



***If any man will come after me –  
Let him deny himself –  
And take up his cross –  
And follow me.***



Would you  
Be a  
Disciple  
Of Christ?

