



THE SERVANT: SAVING MARK



***“Give up yourself,
and you will find your real self.”*** C.S.
Lewis



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Pattern of Jesus - Easy as 1-2-3

- 'deny himself' –
 - lose sight of self and one's own interests
 - 'contempt of the world' Mtt Henry
 - You cannot keep what you keep!
- 'take up his cross'
- 'follow Me'

“Denying self is not the same as self-denial. We practice self-denial when, for a good purpose, we occasionally give up things or activities. But we deny self when we surrender ourselves to Christ and determine to obey His will.”

Warren Wiersbe



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 - means of death
 - symbol of brevity and futility
- 'follow Me'

***“Denying myself is NOT
self-denial.
The first is humbling –
the second is arrogant!”***



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 - 'on the road' - companion
 - Follow in life NOT just follow in interest

*“You are not your own;
you were bought at a price.”*

1 Cor 6



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8:35 **For** whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

36,37 **For** what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? **For** what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 **For** whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Purpose 35-38 - For by Four

- ‘for whoever loses his life...will save it’
- **NOTHING IS LOST GIVEN TO GOD!**
- ‘for what does it profit?’
- ‘for what will a man give?’
- ‘for whoever is ashamed of Me...I will be ashamed of him’

***“Nothing in you that has
not died will ever be
raised from the dead.”***

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- 'for whoever loses his life...will save it'
- 'for what does it profit?'
- **SHORT TERM GAIN – LONG TERM LOSS!**
- 'for what will a man give?'
- 'for whoever is ashamed of Me...I will be ashamed of him'

***“Lose your life
and you will save it.”***

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- 'for whoever loses his life...will save it'
- 'for what does it profit?'
- 'for what will a man give?'
- **NO PRICE TOO HIGH OR LOSS TO GREAT**
- 'for whoever is ashamed of Me...I will be ashamed of him'

***“Nothing that you have not
given away will be really yours.”***

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PASCAL'S WAGER

Of all the religions, Christianity is the most plausibly true. Either that God exists or He does not and either you believe in Him or you do not. Thus, there are only four possible outcomes:

	GOD EXISTS	GOD DOES NOT EXIST
YOU BELIEVE	INFINITE GAIN Enjoy everlasting happiness in Heaven	NO LOSS You'll never even know you were wrong
YOU DO NOT BELIEVE	INFINITE LOSS Suffer everlasting misery in Hell	NO GAIN You'll never even know you were right

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- ‘for whoever loses his life...will save it’
- ‘for what does it profit?’
- ‘for what will a man give?’
- **‘for whoever is ashamed of Me...I will be ashamed of him’**
- **“WELL DONE!”**

***“Look for yourself, and you will find
in the long run only hatred,
loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and
decay. But look for Christ and you
will find Him, and with Him
everything else thrown in.” C.S.***

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HOW TO FOLLOW JESUS

- Deny yourself – find your true self
- Take up your Cross – die to self (Gal 2:20)
- Follow Me – Companion NOT Class!
- What is to be lost? Gained?
- **What have you decided?**

“Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favorite wishes every day and death of your whole body in the end submit with ever fiber of your being, and you will find eternal life.”

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