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Luke 9:23 (NIV) – Then He said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me”.

John 5:2-6 (NJKV) – “Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition for a long time, He said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’”

John 5:14 (NKJV) – Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you”.

Proverbs 9:10 (NIV) - “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding”.

“There is an old saying which runs, ‘Well begun is half done’. This is true indeed when the beginning is inspired and conditioned by the fear of Jehovah” – **G. Campbell Morgan**

“**Holy One**” = Hebrew *kedoshim* (pl.) – “sacred or set apart one”

Mark 4:21-23 (NIV) – He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear”.

Mark 4:24-25 (NIV) – “Consider carefully what you hear”, He continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you – and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them”.

“**consider carefully**” = Greek *blepo* - “to look at; perceive; discern”; HELPS – “to see something physical, with spiritual results. That is, it

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carries what is seen into the non-physical realm so a person can take the needed action”

Galatians 6:7 (NIV) – “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows”.

Luke 19:1-4 (NIV) – “Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way”.

“**see**” = Greek *horao* – “to see, perceive, discern, beware”

Luke 19:5-8 (NIV) – When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today”. So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner”. But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount”.

“Christ will not force Himself into any man’s house, and sit there against the man’s will. That would not be the action of a guest, but of an unwelcome intruder” – **Charles Spurgeon**

Matthew 9:9-11 (NIV) – As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me”, He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

Matthew 9:12-13 (NIV) – On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice’. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners”.

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