

Seven Things To Do Dailey
Take Up Your Cross, Dailey
Luke 9.23

The Context

Who Is The Lord Jesus Christ?

*Luke 9:18–20 - And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, **Whom say the people that I am?**¹⁹ They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again.*

Who Is The Lord Jesus Christ To You? A far more important question

*.²⁰ He said unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** Peter answering said, **The Christ of God.***

Peter says, “To Peter Jesus is the Promised One, the Messiah, the Christ, **Immanuel (Isa 7.14)**, God with us.”

Our Lord then declares the Gospel,

Luke 9:22 - Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

A. The Struggle Of Faith – The Struggle between Religious Concepts and the Word of God

Matthew 16:22 - Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

Our Lord Responds to Peter

Matthew 16:23 - But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Our Lord Responds to everyone else, Us

*Matthew 16:24 - Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.***

*Luke 9:23 - And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily,** and follow me.*

Stop following religious principles, the traditions of men, and follow the Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 7:7–8 - Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. ⁸For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Stop following the things you have thought are right and start following the Word of God

A new way of thinking

Romans 12:1–2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. ²And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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B. The Surrender of Faith

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There are many things to deny in this life and world if you will live for Jesus, Daily

1. Jesus said to Peter and Andrew

*Matthew 4:18–20 - And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he saith unto them, **Follow***

me, and I will make you fishers of men. ²⁰And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

Leave the family trade

2. Jesus said to the scribe,

Matthew 8:19–20 - And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, **I will follow thee** whithersoever thou goest. ²⁰And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

Leave your worldly comforts

3. Jesus said to a disciple

Matthew 8:21–22 - And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. ²²But Jesus said unto him, **Follow me**; and let the dead bury their dead.

Make God your priority

4. Jesus said to Matthew (Publican – Tax Collector)

Matthew 9:9 - And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, **Follow me**. And he arose, and followed him.

Leave your lucrative Business

5. Jesus said to the Rich Ruler

Luke 18:18 - And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

Luke 18:22 - Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

Will you Deny yourself and Take Up your cross and follow Jesus?

There are many who say they want to follow Jesus but there are just far too many things they will not deny themselves.

Many will not deny,

- Their Sporting Event
- Their Employment
- Their Financial Gain – Working when they ought to be in Church
- Their Entertainment Distractions –
Their gaming, their programs, their vices
- Their distractions – Those things that distract them from the things of God.

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C. The Submission of Faith

Luke 9:23–26 - And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. ²⁵For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? ²⁶For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

What does God ask a person to do,

- 1. Be Saved – Follow the Lord Jesus Christ.** Everything starts with salvation.

This is to get your Personal Life Right.

- 2. Be Surrendered – Follow the Lord Jesus Christ.** Start thinking differently and striving to live your life for Christ
- 3. Be Submissive to the Lord Jesus Christ –** Do what the Lord Jesus asks you to do

- **Desire the Word of God**

1 Peter 2:2 - As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

- **Get into the Church**

Hebrews 10:25 - Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Matthew 16:13 - When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

*Matthew 16:18 - And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, **and upon this rock I will build my church;** and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

- **Give your Tithes and Offerings**

Malachi 3:10 - Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

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