

ON BEING A DISCIPLE
Matthew 16:24-27

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
Matthew 11:28-30

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ. 2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, 3 for you are still fleshly 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

By now you should be teachers. Instead, you still need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word. You need milk, not solid food. Hebrews 5:12-13

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: 1 Corinthians 5:1

Jesus is speaking to _____ (v.24)

Salvation is _____
1. _____ ...If anyone wishes (v.24)

The invitation is open to _____
2. _____ of selfish nature ...he must deny himself (v.24)

Self-Denial: Denying _____ something to benefit _____
Denying self is when I deny my _____ for His _____

3. _____ ...take up his cross and follow me... (v.24)

The Cross means _____ not _____

The one carrying the cross placed no _____ in this _____

4. A _____ choice

And He was saying to them all, " If anyone **wishes** to come after Me, he **must** deny himself, and take up his cross **daily** and follow Me.

Luke 9:23

Why Many Believers will never be Disciples: (vv.25-26)

For whoever wants to save his life (psuche) will lose it, but whoever loses his life (psuche) for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul (psuche)? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul (psuche)? (vv.25-27)

Pscuche: breath, heart, mind, life, soul (Strong's)

1. _____ (v.25)

2. _____ (v.26)

Benefits of Being a Disciple:

A promise of greater _____ than any _____
For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

A promise of living this life to my _____

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 " He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal John 12:24-25

Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ...The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name. Luke 10:1

Continuous growing in _____

Not just _____ in God but actually _____ God

Supernatural _____ to be _____ by God

The promise of _____ supernatural _____

"Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, 30 but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. 31 "But many who are first will be last, and the last, first." Mark 10:29-31

In Eternity: _____

If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; 2 Timothy 2:12