Developing Dedicated Disciples Bible Study Series
Deny Yourself
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Luke 9:23-25

*23 Then he said to them all: "**Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves** and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. 25 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?"* (NIV)

"*Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ*."
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Jesus never told us to develop church goers, leaders, praisers or prayer warriors… Developing disciples encompasses all of that." Dr. Marcus D. Cosby

"A disciple, ***mathetes***, is a learner or follower – usually someone committed to a significant master." In our case that significant master is Jesus Christ.

In the words of Pastor Cosby, "***Disciples are people who are submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ***."

He also told us, "***The demands of discipleship can be stringent and even strange. It's not a salvific suggestion. It's a redeeming requirement!***"

Discipleship is essential to Christianity, and Self-denial is essential to discipleship!

WHAT SELF-DENIAL IS NOT

- **Self-denial is not a _____ .**
  Colossians 3:12-14

- **Self-denial is not _____ .**

SELF-DENIAL IS…

- **Denying Our _____**
  1 Peter 3:17

  How do we know what God's will for us is?

  God's _____ is God's _____ for us!

- **Denying Our _____**
  Isaiah 55:8-9

- **Denying Our _____**
  Romans 6:12
  Titus 2:11-12

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