

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 6-27-10 AM NOTES
"YOU MUST LOSE YOUR LIFE TO BE MY DISCIPLE" (PART 2)
LUKE 9:23-26
#6 in Series, "The Extreme Teaching of Jesus"

I. The Progression in Daily Losing Your Life (v. 23)

- A. Daily Deny Yourself (v. 23a)
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2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV) ¹But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be **lovers of themselves**, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

Job 42:5-6 (ESV) ⁵I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶therefore **I despise myself**, and repent in dust and ashes."

II. The Paradox of Being His Disciple (vv. 24-25)

- A. What Is Saving Your Life? (v. 24a)
- B. What Is Losing Your Life? (v. 24b)

Philippians 1:21 (NKJV) "For to me, to live *is* Christ, and **to die is gain.**"

"Men are wont to die, O Lord, from old age, the failure of natural warmth and excess of cold; but thus, if it be Thy will, Thy servant would not wish to die; he would prefer to die in the glow of love, even as Thou wast willing to die for him."

—Raymond Lull (1235-1315)

- C. What Is Gaining the World and Losing Yourself? (v. 25)

1 John 2:15-17 (NKJV) ¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that *is* in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

"The possession of the whole world, and all that it contains, would never make a man happy. Its pleasures are false and deceptive. Its riches, rank, and honors, have no power to satisfy the heart. So long as we have not got them, they glitter, and sparkle, and seem desirable. The moment we have them, we find they are empty bubbles, and cannot make us feel content. And worst of all, when we possess this world's good things, to the utmost bound of our desire, we cannot keep them. Death comes in and separates us from all our property forever. Naked we came upon earth, and naked we go forth, and of all our possessions we can carry nothing with us. Such is the world, which occupies the whole attention of thousands! Such is the world, for the sake of which millions are every year destroying their souls."

—J. C. Ryle

III. The Prohibition for His Disciples (v. 26)

Matthew 10:32-33 (NKJV) ³² “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

1 John 4:15 (NKJV) “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

A. When We Are Ashamed of Christ (v. 26)

2 Timothy 1:12 (NKJV) “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless **I am not ashamed**, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”

2 Timothy 1:8 (NKJV) “Therefore **do not be ashamed** of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God.”

B. Christ Will Be Ashamed of Us (v. 26b)