

Mid-Week Stewardship Thought

Being a Disciple

In order to be His disciple, we must follow Jesus. In addition to following Him, Jesus informed His disciples that there are other requirements to being a disciple. In Mark 8:34 we read, *"Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: 'If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up His cross and follow Me.'"*

If we don't turn away from Jesus' call to be His disciples, we understand what John the Baptist said, *"He must become greater; I must become less"* (John 3:30). The disciple who denies himself is unaware of himself and knows Christ only. By teaching us that we must deny ourselves, Jesus has prepared us to carry our crosses. Knowing only Him, we are unaware of the burdens of our crosses; we view our lives as disciples with joy. Disciples keep their eyes on Christ, without thinking of themselves, and *"consider it pure joy..."* (James 1:2) to face trials and testing of their faith.



Prayer: Lord, place in me a heart that seeks the lost. I pray for guidance, wisdom, and courage as I share Your love with others. I thank You for the privilege of being Your instrument to tell others about the life-saving Gospel. In Your name I pray. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!