

CHAPTER 6

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Lordship means recognising God as sovereign.

Christ not only desires our salvation, but also that we would be true, committed and loyal followers of Him.

Jesus said to a crowd of people, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the Gospel will save it" (Mark 8:34-35).

- A. Denying self means laying down MY will, MY desires, MY wants. Jesus prayed to His Father before His crucifixion, "Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet _____, but Yours be done" (Luke 22:42). Sometimes, we want to escape - from our families, our responsibilities, our circumstances – but God's will is to stay and accept the situation.
- B. Suffering unjustly affects us as it affected Christ (1 Pet. 2:19-23, 3:13-18, 4:12-19).
- C. We deny ourselves when we accept hardship (2 Tim. 2:3). We must also forgive those who offend us (Luke 23:34). There is no shame when we suffer for the Lord (Is. 50:7). Jesus, with joy at the things set before Him, endured the cross (Heb. 12:2).
- D. Jesus entrusted His life to God (Luke 23:46). He gave His life into God's _____. If you do not deny yourself, then you will begin to feel sorry for yourself. In Matt. 16:22-23, when Jesus spoke about His death, Peter exclaimed, "Never Lord! This shall never happen to You!" You can translate this as 'have pity on yourself.' Jesus replied to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me!" Pity is not in the mind of God, but in the minds of men. If

Satan succeeds in convincing us to feel sorry for ourselves, he paralyses our faith.

So the Lordship of Christ in our lives is to reject_____ (Lam. 3:39).

- E. Self-pity makes us live without a godly faith. Ten spies went into Canaan, the land God had promised. They saw giants, the Nephilim, descendants of Anak. The spies reported, "We seemed like grasshoppers in our_____" (Num. 13:33). Circumstances without the Lordship of Christ appear as giants. When David faced Goliath, he said, "The battle_____" (1 Sam. 17:47). "The Lord is with me like a mighty warrior" (Jer. 20:11).
- F. To follow Jesus means He is our_____ (Matt. 10:24).
- G. It means we are willing to be_____ and instructed in His ways.
- H. It means we are willing to_____ to His commands (Luke 6:46; Matt. 7:21).
- I. It means that we are willing to be_____ and adjusted by the Word (Prov. 3:11-12; Heb. 12:5-13).

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- A. Our_____ (Matt. 8:20; Luke 9:58).
- B. Our_____ and relatives (Matt. 10:37-38).
- C. Our_____ (Matt. 4:18-22).
- D. Our_____ (Matt. 19:16-22).

The Lord demands nothing, but looks for willing hearts and minds, to offer these up if He asks (Matt. 16:24-26).

The Lord never asks us to give something up unless He plans to give us something in return (Mark 10:29-30; John 10:10).

Denying ourselves has a purpose to it:

- A. So we become_____ Christians, able to handle the storms of life (Eph. 4:13-14).
- B. To_____ Christ to the world (Eph. 4:13; Acts 11:26).
- C. To be the kind of Christian for_____, being the example for their lives (1 Cor. 11:1; Titus 2:7-8).
- D. To be the kind of Christian God can use to_____ to others (John 15:8, 12:7).

- E. So that on the Day of Judgement the Lord will say "_____, good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:21).

"If you do these things, you will never fall" (2 Pet. 1:10-11).

Living at the level God intends is a life of surrender to Him (Rom. 12:1-2).

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