

Command of Christ → **Deny Yourself**

Scripture Reference → Luke 9:23

Many principles that guide the kingdom life are paradoxical to those that guide the world.

“My kingdom is not of this world.” (John 18:36)

- We will never understand kingdom life with worldly understanding. We must have spiritual wisdom and revelation.

- To live you must die. (Galatians 2:20)
- To get you must first give. (Luke 6:38)
- To be exalted you must humble yourself. (1 Peter 5:6)
- To be first you must be last. (Matthew 19:30)
- To be great you must be willing to be least [servant]. (Matthew 23:11, 12)
- To save your life you must lose it. (Luke 9:24)

“We have forsaken all to follow you.” (Matthew 19:27-29)

- The promise → You will receive for what you have forsaken!

There are “crosses” that we all must bear for the sake of the gospel and the fulfillment of God’s purposes in our life.

- Simon of Cyrene (Matthew 27:32) --- bore Jesus’ cross, but he could not bear Jesus’ cross!
- THE cross represented the Father’s will for Jesus.
- What is your cross (sacrifice) of sanctification?
- Your cross is your “bridge” to glory.

Whatever God expects, He will provide sufficient grace for enablement.

Whatever we forsake, deny, suffer for His name sake will be compensated for.

- Romans 8:18 – “...*the sufferings of the present time...*”

Examples of apostolic redemptive grace...

- 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
- 2 Corinthians 4:5-12