

Becoming A Disciple

Part 1 - The Crux of Our Calling

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Quote:

Give up yourself, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, the death of your ambitions and favorite wishes every day and the death of your whole body in the end: Submit with every fiber of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.

And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."
Mark 9:1 (NIV)