

Harbour Shores Church

“Touching Lives with the Truth”



Title: “Totally Surrendered Followers: The Immeasurable Gain of Loss and Shame”

Text: Luke 9:23-27

I. Christ Has Basic Instructions for Would Be Disciples. (v.22- 23a)

- A. Deny yourself.
- B. Crucify your desires.
- C. Follow your Savior.

Have you ever asked, “Why should I follow Jesus?” or
“Is Jesus worth such denial, death and devotion?”

II. Two Strong Warnings for Would Be _____ . (v. 24-27)

- A. If your _____ matters at all, _____ it for Christ. (v. 24-25)

“would save” =

The individual who cannot bring himself to surrender this _____
for the sake of the next will eventually lose _____.

1. **Warning:** The most certain path to total _____ is to pursue
_____.

a) *The overwhelming tide of this world combined with our internal desires powerfully draw us towards the deadly delicacies and delights of destruction.*

b) *It is the fear of losing the visible and fleeting that often overcomes the faith in the invisible and eternal!*

Scripture: 1 John 2:15-17; James 1:13-15; Philippians 3:7-8

2. **Promise:** The best life _____ is the result of a life
_____ following Jesus.

It’s not JUST about dying and denying for the sake of losing,
it’s about losing what is lesser for what is _____ !

Scripture: 1 John 5:11-12, 20; Revelation 21:6; Colossians 3:3-4 ESV

“Let your hope of heaven master your fear of death.”

(William Gurnall)

B. If your _____ matters at all, _____ it for Christ. (v. 26-27)

**1. Warning: Earthly shame in Christ has _____
_____. (vs. 26)**

What is shame?

**How much grander to suffer shame and reproach for a few short years,
only to gain an eternity of an “incomparable weight of glory!”**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; Philippians 3:20-21

**2. Promise: The totally surrendered disciple will certainly share in the
_____ of _____. (v. 27)**

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:10; Luke 12:29-34

***“It will be worth it all when we see Jesus,
Life's trials will seem so small when we see Christ;
One glimpse of His dear face all sorrow will erase,
So bravely run the race till we see Christ.”***

Chorus from “When We See Christ: by Esther Kerr Rusthoi