

Are You Ready?  
Are You Ready To Really Live?

TO REALLY LIVE, YOUR GOING TO HAVE TO DIE!

**Matthew 10:37- 42**

The first step in **DYING IN ORDER TO LIVE** is to:

I. MAXIMIZE CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE.

Jesus makes it perfectly clear that

we are to follow Him and be willing to change our lives for His sake.

Christ must become the focus and purpose of our lives.

We must keep our eyes on Jesus. **Hebrews 12:2**

We must maximize Him, not anything else. **Colossians 3:1-3**

II. MINIMISE SELF IN YOUR LIFE.

We want what we want, and we don't want anyone to get in our way.

We can be phenomenally petty about whatever doesn't suit us.

So, when Jesus tells us whoever does not take up their cross and follow Him . . .

is not worthy of Him . . . it really makes us cringe.

**Matthew 10:39; Matthew 10:39 Amp. Matthew 10:38,39 The Message**

When you refuse to lose your life for Christ, your chances of becoming  
the person Christ calls you to be, are nonexistent.

In order to accomplish God's will, we must recognize the greatness of Christ.

This is the first step in the journey into Christ-honoring discipleship.

III. ACTIVELY SEEK TO FOLLOW CHRIST.

We struggle with this concept of dying to self because we're selfish!

We fight against the lordship of Christ.

Jesus has what we desperately desire, but we keep seeking to satisfy  
our selfish desires instead of humbly submitting to Christ.

Following Christ is not sanctified resignation.

When we follow Christ we ignite spiritual devotion.

Spiritual surrender is not resignation.

Christ-like surrender is not just quitting bad stuff.

It's allowing God to transform your life,

to change your life so that you have new desires, new mercy, new life,  
new hope, new strength and power, and a new heart and soul.

When you surrender yourself to Christ, you find yourself looking at the world differently.

You don't have to ask what would Jesus do,

you simply know what you are supposed to do.

That happens because of your connection to Christ.

And the key is for you to be connected to Christ, because without that  
connection, you're lost.

**As a result, when we see a ministry need, we jump in and help, it's called serving.**