

# CROSS WIRED

## Cross your heart

*“Then he said to the crowd, ‘If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.’” Luke 9:23-24*

*“Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.” John 12:25*

## Jesus’ Cross . . . what it did

*“For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” 2 Corinthians 5:21*

## Jesus’ Cross . . . what it means

*“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! . . . For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:17,19*

*“You were dead because of your sins . . . Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.” Colossians 2:13-14*

## Cross wired . . . my lifestyle and message

### My message

*“As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . .” Galatians 6:14*

*“The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18*

*“For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’” 2 Corinthians 5:19-20*

## Cross wired . . . lifestyle and message (cont.)

### My lifestyle

*“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.’” Matthew 16:24*

#### • Servant

*“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up . . . he took the humble position . . . and died a criminal’s death on a cross.” Philippians 2:5-8*

#### • Freedom

*“Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world’s interest in me has also died.” Galatians 6:14*

*“Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19*

#### • Life of heroism

- Courage—live with greater love than fear

- Faith

- Compassion

- 110% . . . more

*“If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.” Matthew 10:38-39*

## Heroic lifestyle

*John Stott’s Daily Reflections—pages 93-100  
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