

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” Mark 8:34-38

1. Deny yourself.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation and shadow due to change. James 1:17

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
Psalm 84:11

2. Take up your cross.

3. Do we believe Jesus is worthy?

But I do not account my life of any value not as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24

For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

Scripture from the ESV unless noted.