

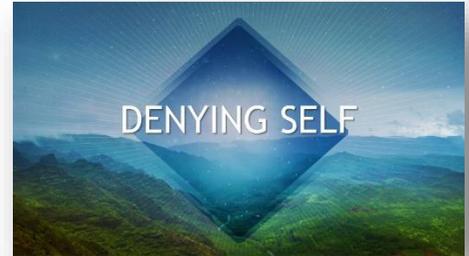
SERMON NOTES PM

DENYING SELF

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:24-26)

Matthew 16:21-28 (p 1131)

- It is a life of desiring – the heart must be _____.
- It is a life of denying self – the heart must be _____.
- It is a life of cross-bearing – the heart must _____.
- It is a life of following – the heart must _____.



THE HEART DESIRES TO COME AFTER JESUS

A _____ knows he is subjected to his _____

"If anyone desires to come after me"

- ✚ The full measure *Mark 12:30 (p 1169)*
- ✚ Jesus desired *Matthew 26:39 (p 1146)*
- ✚ My decisions *James 4:13-15 (p 1389)*

THE HEART IS WILLING TO EMPTY SELF-WILL

Self-denial begins with denying _____

"Declare something to be untrue; disowning a person; abrogate, forsake, renounce"

Matthew 26:69-74 (p 1147)

Galatians 2:20 (p 1338)

To be crucified means, first, the man on the cross is facing only one direction; second, he is not going back; and third, he has no further plans of his own.
(A. W. Tozer)

THE HEART IS WILLING TO BEAR A CROSS

Jesus said, "Take up his cross"

Complete _____; no future; no power

Submission must be carried

MY CROSS – *1 Corinthians 10:13 (p 1318)*

Example: *Acts 16:25 (p 1275)*

THE HEART IS OBEDIENT TO THE SHEPHERD

Jesus said, "Follow me"

- ✚ His will is my _____
- ✚ His word is my _____
- ✚ His desire is my _____

John 10:3-5 (p 1235)



Matthew 16:25-26 (p 1132) Hebrews 13:5-6 (p 1384)

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BUILDING BRIDGES FOR A BETTER MARRIAGE

Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. (1 Corinthians 7:1-2)

THE SAMARITAN BRIDGE

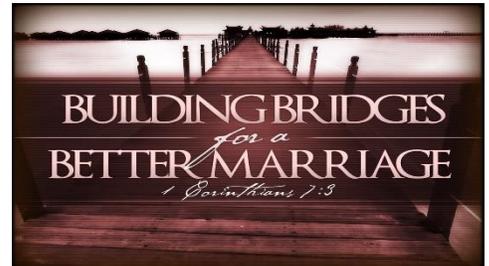
LUKE 10:30-35 (p 1196)

The principle of each person is an application to our relationship in marriage

What is thine is mine, I will _____ it (THIEVES)

What is mine is mine, I will _____ it (PRIEST/LEVITE)

What is mine is thine, I will _____ it (SAMARITAN)



Which one am I? Which one does God want me to be? *Philippians 2:1-11 (p 1349)*

THE JACOB BRIDGE

GENESIS 29:20 (p 32) The _____ of the heart

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her. (NASB)

“SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGES ARE NOT CHARACTERIZED BY THE ABSENCE OF PROBLEMS BUT THE ABILITY TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS.”

Proverbs 5:15-20 (p 730); Proverbs 18:22 (p 746); Ephesians 5:22-33 (p 1346)

THE CORINTHIAN BRIDGE

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-8a (p 1321)

The meaning of _____ love

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| 1. Suffers long and is kind – forbearing; noncritical | 9. Does not rejoice in iniquity – never happy at failings |
| 2. Does not envy – never a competitive spirit | 10. Rejoices in truth – seek the good in all things |
| 3. Does not parade itself – pride shall not rule the heart | 11. Bear all things – no resentment or bitterness |
| 4. Is not puffed up – no superiority | 12. Believes all things – best light |
| 5. Does not behave rudely - temper | 13. Hopes all things – share hope |
| 6. Does not seek its own – not ME ME | 14. Endures all things – never give up |
| 7. Is not provoked – not be grouchy | 15. Love never fails! |
| 8. Thinks no evil – no self-pity; brood over slights | |

THE CHRISTIAN BRIDGE

COLOSSIANS 3 (p 1354) Building a _____ on the teachings of God

It is important to remember that all the admonitions for change in a person when he becomes a child of God apply to marriage

- If you are raised with Christ, seek things _____ (vv1-4)
- Put to death (vv5-11)
- As the _____ of God (vv12-17)
- Family (vv18-21)

Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain. (Psalm 127:1)