

THE MARK OF A DISCIPLE

The Meaning of The Cross

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To be a real Christ-follower... *Matthew 16:21-25*

1. Deny _____.
 - a. A person's _____ causes most of his miseries.
 - b. Christ intends that you...
 - Surrender your _____, desires, body, and soul. *Romans 12:1-2*
 - Not seek happiness as the _____ goal. *1 Corinthians 10:31*
 - Live for God and the welfare of others. *2 Corinthians 2:15; Ephesians 5:1-2*
 - Refuse what...
 - Competes with the love/service of Christ. *Luke 16:13*
 - Influences others wrongly. *Romans 14:13-15*
 - Is pleasant but questionable. *Romans 14:23*
2. Take Up Your Cross. *Luke 14:27*
 - a. Cross = added _____ that comes if you obey
 - b. Jesus _____ first. *John 19:17*
 - c. "Take up" is a _____ move.
 - d. The cross happens _____. *Luke 9:23*

"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."
—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian and martyr

3. _____ Christ. *1 John 2:6*

- a. Follow Jesus = place the will of God _____
your own feelings, desires and urges