



ALL JESUS ASKS • Part 8

## What Good Is It to Gain the World?

Luke 9:25

### Deny Yourself

Do You Want to Follow Jesus?

Luke 9:23

<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: **“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves** and take up their cross daily and follow me.

### Which self do I deny?

*“My disciple” –*

The self that is contrary to Jesus.

*“taking up a cross” –*

The self that is averse to difficulty and sacrifice.

*“daily” –*

The self that is sporadic, fickle, inconsistent, and noncommittal.

*“follow me” –*

The self that insists on going its own way.

## Save Yourself

Do You Value What Matters Most?

Luke 9:24-27

<sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but **whoever loses their life for me will save it.** <sup>25</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? <sup>26</sup> Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

Which self will I save?

*“gaining the whole world” –*

The misdirected self that is deceived by worldly values.

*“ashamed of me and my words” –*

The self that shrinks away from Jesus example and teaching.

*“when he comes” –*

The short-sighted self that is lost in the temporal.

*“they see the Kingdom” –*

The self that has no vision of the Kingdom.

## Check Yourself

What Are You Gaining? What Are You Losing?

Luke 9:24-27

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