

LAYING DOWN, LIFTING UP AND LIVING OUT!

Based on the command of Christ #2 – “Follow me”.

Matthew 16:24-26

24 “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.

25 “For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

26 “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?”

Luke 9:23 - Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Matthew 16:24 - “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow Me.

1. The Disciple is Called to Lay Something Down!

Matthew 26:34 - “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

2. The Disciple Is Called To Lift Something Up!

Gal. 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Rom. 6:11 – In the same way, **count yourselves** dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

John 12:26 (NKJV) - “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.”

3. The Disciple Is Called To Live Something Out!

1. To stay behind one who proceeds to join him as his attendant

2. Get on another’s side.

Mt 4:18-20

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

Jn. 8:12 - When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."