

"The Demands of True Discipleship" (Part 1)

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*"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.'"*

Mark 8:34 (ESV)

Parallel Texts: Prov. 14:12; Isa. 55:6-7; Matt. 5:3; Mark 10:17-31; Rom. 7:15-25; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:7-14

Study Questions:

- 1. What would you say are the requirements of being a follower of Jesus Christ?*
- 2. What is your initial response to Jesus's statement in Mark 8:34?*
- 3. What does Jesus mean when He calls the would-be disciple to "deny himself"?*
- 4. What are some of the temptations that we might struggle with that go against this command?*
- 5. Why do you think it is so hard to sever our commitment and allegiance to "self"?*