



Matthew 16:24

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

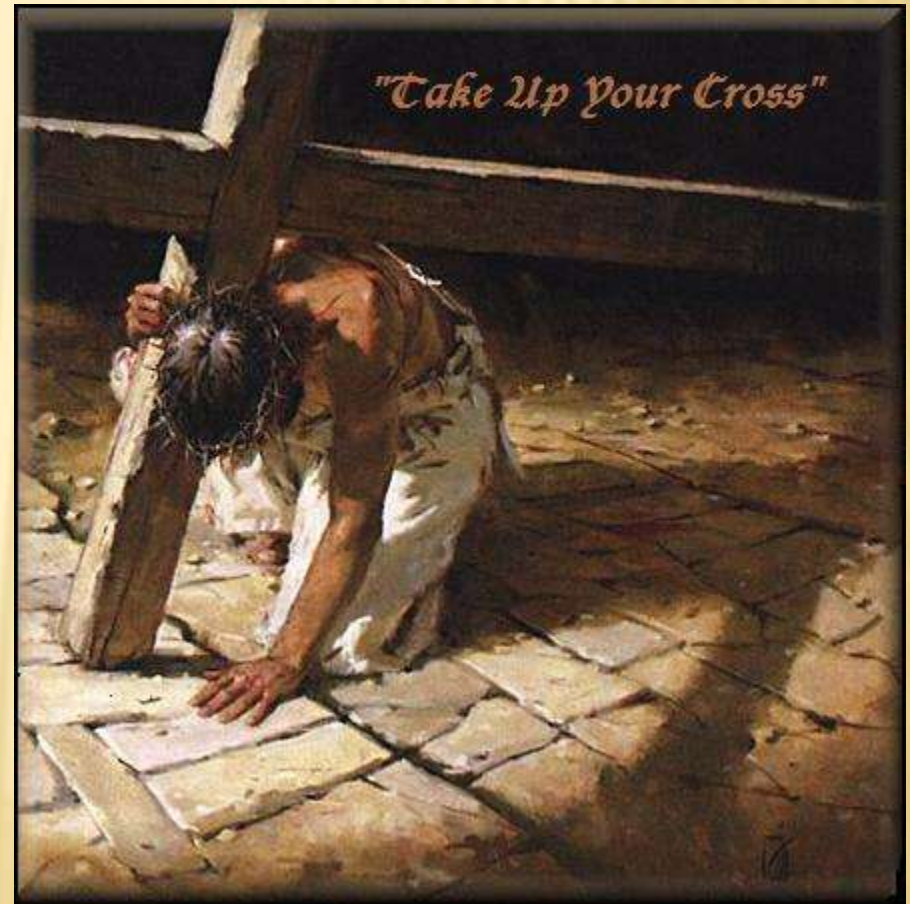
“LET HIM DENY HIMSELF...”

- ✿ *Self-Repression*
- ✿ Of what must we deny ourselves?
Titus 2:11,12
 - ✿ Self-denial is a law of development.
1 Corinthians 9:25
 - ✿ Self-denial is a law of protection. – 1 Cor. 9:27



“TAKE UP HIS CROSS...”

- ✿ Self-Sacrifice
- ✿ Three words symbolize sacrifice:
 - ✿ “**Burden**” – the inevitable cares and strains of daily life. - Galatians 6:1-3
 - ✿ “**Thorn**” – a weakness or infirmity, mental or physical, which makes life miserable and duty difficult 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
 - ✿ “**Cross**” – the pain we voluntarily suffer on behalf of others. - 2 Cor. 11:24-28



“AND FOLLOW ME.”

- ✿ The life of a Christian is not only repression, but also **expression...** not only restraint but **activity.**
 - ✿ We Follow Him by Faith
2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Pet. 2:21-23
 - ✿ We Follow Him Because We Cannot Direct Our Own Course – Jeremiah 10:23
 - ✿ Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life – John 14:6
 - ✿ We Follow Him to the Father’s House – John 14:1-3



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✘ Let Him Deny

Himself

✘ Take Up His Cross

✘ And Follow Me



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✘ Slide Three: “Take Up His Cross...”

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✘ Slide Four: “And Follow Me.”

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