

“Living for SELF vs Living for CHRIST”

Thinking about Steve’s topic (“Less is More”) and the discussion we had last Friday, I realized that the first step is we must evaluate where we are with Christ. Are we truly committed to Him in all aspects of our life? Are we “Denying” ourselves for Him? Are we “Taking up our Cross daily”? We must evaluate are we living for “SELF” vs “Christ” – In all areas of life!

Luke 9:23

²³ And He was saying to *them* all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me

2 Corinthians 5:15

¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

John 12:24-25

²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ He who loves his ^[a]life loses it, and he who hates his ^[b]life in this world will keep it to life eternal.

Romans 14:7-9

⁷ For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; ⁸ for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

1 Corinthians 15:31

³¹ I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

ACTS 20:22-24

²² And now, behold, bound by the ^[a]Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

Questions:

- 1) List five key words that would describe the concept of Living for Self.

- 2) List five key words that would describe the concept of Dying to Self.

- 3) What are some practical steps we can take to achieve these Goals of Dying to Self?

- 4) Bonus Question: Steve asked the questions last week (we never got to the question):
 - a. Craig Groeschel says being rich isn’t having the most, it’s needing the least. What do you think of this definition?