

“So, You Wanna Be Like Jesus”

Text: Philippians 3:10

1. Of all the disciplines we have studied in this teaching series, none of them are more closely associated with the character & mission of Jesus Christ than _____.
2. It is SACRIFICE that is a defining factor in Him being called the _____.
3. Life for the Christian is NOT meant to revolve around our comfort, our desires, our dreams, our plans. Life is meant to revolve totally & completely around _____ & being His hands & feet to others.

Ephesians 5:1-2 - “Do as God does. After all, you are his dear children. ² Let love be your guide. Christ loved us & offered his life for us as a sacrifice that pleases God.”

4. In order to cultivate the discipline of sacrifice, we must apply it in at least 3 realms of our lives: personal, relational, and financial.
 - A. _____ sacrifice.

Matthew 6:25-28; 30-33 says: ²⁵ I tell you not to worry about your life. Don't worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Isn't life more than food or clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds in the sky! They don't plant or harvest. They don't even store grain in barns. Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren't you worth more than birds? ²⁷ Can worry make you live longer? ²⁸ Why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow. They don't work hard to make their clothes. ³⁰ God gives such beauty to everything that grows in the fields, even though it is here today & thrown into a fire tomorrow. He will surely do even more for you! Why do you have such little faith? ³¹ Don't worry & ask yourselves, “Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?” ³² Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. ³³ But more than anything else, put God's work first & do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.”

(1.) Personal sacrifice begins with a _____: WHO will you trust to meet your needs? That is a critical question to answer because we will serve WHAT we trust.

B. _____ sacrifice.

C. _____ sacrifice.

Philippians 3:19 - "... God WILL take care of all your needs with the wonderful blessings that come from Christ Jesus!"