



Mark records Jesus as *saying, “whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister (servant)”*. Serving is a form of giving; and giving yourself to God’s purpose in expanding the King “Jesus” influence on earth. Servant hood is considered a high honor in the Heavenly body. Jesus said *“Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die , it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit”*.

Christianity ... it is more than just a code of ethics; neither is it a lifestyle that blends in with popular social trends. God's word bears record that one's desire to be a Christian, or Christ-like is a personal life-choice. In fact, His Holy Word encourages us to "put on" Christ. Furthermore, we are to replicate Christ's image in such a way that our lives will bring about a social transformation. Can you imagine our public leaders seeking God's guidance to employ healthy cultural practices for the people in whom they govern? And, can you imagine YOU having a part in a radical cultural change. As far off as it sounds, it is God's desire to establish His Kingdom here on earth, beginning with you ... **CHRISTIAN!** Kingdomology (*the study of God’s Kingship domain operating on earth*) is the most rewarding life-experience you will ever be involved in. It is also, on the other hand, quite challenging. Why, because you work it from the inside out.

The Lord Jesus Christ instructed us to: (1) deny yourself, (2) pick up your cross, and (3) follow him in *Matthew 16: 24 and Luke 9: 23*. To *deny yourself* is NOT to allow yourself to yield to your selfish desire any longer. To *pick up your cross* simply means to take full responsibility for prior actions, and be willing to destroy the person that you have become with the help of the Holy Spirit. *But, wait a minute, there’s more!* The Holy Spirit invites you to journey through the regions of your thought-life (*what goes on inside your head*). Why – to see if there is stuff that is blocking you ... you know ... things like: seasonal depression, feelings of revenge, self-pity, anger, rejection, false responsibility, and the like. If any of these emotional strongholds is active in your life, then it is a part of who YOU are. They too must be placed on your cross to die – seize from controlling you.

God wants you to explore YOU so you can discover the better YOU. The part of you that is submissive, willing, and alive. On the other hand, he wants you to discover the other you. The “YOU” part that is not fully submitted; which operates under selfish choices, and self-centered motives. That’s the “YOU” HE is calling to die.

When you truly go through the biblical process of self-denial, only then would you be ready for the Kingdom’s work, or Kingdom-ology. Let us remember that the Lord declared to the Church in Laodicea (Revelation) – *I wish that you were cold or hot*. HE further affirmed HIS disgust with lukewarmness. I want you to consider this acronym: **HOT!**

Honest	Open	Transparent
All walls come down! All defense mechanism are disengaged. You are ready to listen to God’s voice. He will instruct you how to deny yourself from selfish desires. You will pick up your cross and follow HIM.	You have engaged your will to remain open before God. You are open to God’s choices for you. You will allow HIM to look at your life completely. So, give God permission to be Lord over you.	Transparency means that you are willing to change the way you think. You are committed to administer the necessary tools needed to destroy ideology, and attitudes restrict you from moving forward.

Be HOT – a radical, revolutionary change in your life

HERE IS THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO TAKE:

1. Give yourself time to read and reflect on the bible. *Read Psalms, the four Gospels, and the book of Acts.*
2. Give yourself time to listen as God to speak to you. *The book of Psalms is inspirational writings and praises. The Gospels are the life and times of Jesus, and the book of Acts are the actions of the Apostles. You will see the early church in action.*
3. Most importantly, God needs your permission so allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you openly. This is where trust comes in. The book of Proverbs 3: 5-6 reads: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight*

COMMITMENT PRAYER:

Lord Jesus I choose to commit and trust you with all of the areas in my life, all of my possessions, all of my family, all my relationships, and all of my self. From this day forward, I choose to cooperate with your will and your plans for my life. Show me the things, show the others, and show me myself – how I need to fully commit to you, because it is my desire, Lord Jesus, for you to be Lord in my life. I am willing to commit all that I am and all that I desire to you, Heavenly Father. In Jesus Name. Amen.

PERSONAL COVENANT:

Lord Jesus, I am responding to the call to die to my selfish desires because I want to really live. I know I cannot do this on my own. I want to know you, love you, and serve you with all my heart. I make this commitment to spend at least an hour each day for the next forty days to read, pray, think, memorize, and respond to your direction. As a symbol of my commitment to you, for the next forty days I will fast refrain from:

Commit here:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I pray that you would have allowed the Holy Spirit to RECONSTRUCT your mind, and that YOU will never the same.