

The Very Next Thing . . . in your Walk with the Lord

Part 4 Sermon

Growth Guidelines!

Part 4 Scripture

Luke 9:23-26 (ESV)

Sunday, January 28, 2018 Pastor Ray Cummings

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²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

The church today has too many people who have made decisions,
and too few people who have become disciples.

1. A Sincere Desire

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, . . .

2. A Self Denial

²³ And he said to all, “. . . let him deny himself . . .

3. A Sacrificial Death

²³ And he said to all, “. . . and take up his cross daily . . .

S. T. Gordon,

“In every man’s life there is a throne.
When self is on that throne, Christ is on the cross.
But when Christ is on that throne, self is on the cross.”

4. A Singular Devotion

²³ And he said to all, “. . . and follow me.

Billy Graham

“I think the main reason people don’t come to Christ,
is because they don’t want to pay the price.”