

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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The Gospel of Luke: The Path of Self-Denial

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Passage: Luke 9:23–27

1. Read **Luke 9:23**. To follow Jesus faithfully means to live a life of self-denial. How does the concept of self-denial (and continual cross-bearing) conflict with the self-focused philosophies and perspectives which are offered by the world? Consult **2 Corinthians 4:7–12**; **Galatians 2:20**; **Acts 14:21–22**. Which pockets of your life have you yet to fully surrender to the Lord?

2. Read **Luke 9:24**. Why is it vital to have a biblically-informed perspective on life, death, and eternity as we seek to live faithfully for Christ? Consult **Philippians 1:21–24**. How does Christ's ultimate example of humility through His own death encourage you to "die daily" (**1 Corinthians 15:31**) for Him?

3. Read **Luke 9:25**. Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ turned from the things of the world as they came to Him in repentance and faith (**1 Thessalonians 1:9–10**). In what ways does the world continue to influence you? What practical steps can you take to further purge yourself of worldliness, while maintaining your focus on Christ and living committedly to Him? Consult **John 3:19**; **1 Corinthians 1:20**; **James 4:4**; **1 John 2:15–17**.

4. Read **Luke 9:26**. As you consider your track record of sharing with unbelievers your faith in Christ and their need for salvation through Him, have you been operating from a place of fear? Embarrassment? Shame? Consult **Psalms 118:6**; **Acts 28:30–31**; **Ephesians 6:18–20**; **2 Timothy 1:7**.

