

We Are Daily Becoming Who We Will Be

“Then Jesus said to them all, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.’” — Luke 9:23

Our title today is a simple yet profound statement. Jesus tells us how to “become His” by daily following Him. We know from experience that being an older person in the Lord, does not necessarily mean being more mature in the Christian faith. Many people remain “spiritual babes” even after decades of “faith in Christ.” A person grows to spiritual maturity by the daily choice to follow Jesus.

Life is lived incrementally, one day at a time. Like the creation of a great geological formation, change doesn’t happen overnight. For instance, try telling your orthodontist you are only willing to wear your braces one day each week, and he will tell you to find another orthodontist. The same goes for your piano teacher. If we desire for God to use us mightily, we must daily yield to His hand to shape us. If we will, He is faithful to slowly change/grow us from the inside out. No matter your goal, whether heavenly or earthly, your daily devotion to your objective will directly impact the results, *and your destiny*.

This brings us to one of my favorite Scripture verses, Acts 17:28, *“In Him (Jesus) we live and move and have our being.”* Humans are intended to live as triune beings, possessing a spirit, soul and body. Without Jesus, your life can only be two-dimensional. Please consider that a three-dimensional object has a depth and interest unparalleled by its two-dimensional equivalent. The Scripture tells us that we are bought with a price. This means that as a genuine believer, it is His breath in your lungs. As we live and move in Jesus, every breath and thought is meant to honor Him. It is your daily choice to follow Jesus so He can develop this God-breathed dimension in you, also knowing that it is God’s power that works His character and His purpose into your life.

Whether you desire to be the most renowned CEO of this century or the grandmother who influences both sides of the family, Christ must be the center of your daily life. I challenge you to take a snapshot of where you are in your journey. Whether you are finishing your term here on this earth or just getting started, think about who you have become up to this point. We know the familiar cliché: “you have become who you are by your daily decisions and choices up to this moment.” Like all clichés, it is a handy truth, so let’s *“set our minds on things above, not on things on the earth.”* Seek after the eternal rewards that God promises to those who daily choose to follow Christ. As the prophet of old said, *“...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...”*

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Heavenly Father, thank You for leading me daily, for I choose to follow You! LORD, I ask You to mold me, grow me and mature me so that I become more like Jesus every day. Bring me to the place where You can use me mightily for Your glory. I place my destiny in Your hands for You tell me in Your Word that the plans You have for me are good. LORD, I ask You to draw me, even into Your presence so that Your power will work Your character and Your purpose into my life. Help me live and move and have my being in Jesus as I “set my mind on things above, not on things on the earth.” LORD, I choose this day to deny myself, and take up my cross daily, and follow Jesus. I give You all the glory and ask these petitions in Jesus’ precious name. Amen