



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 9:23-27 (NAS)

Topic: "Why Would You Deny Yourself?"

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- 23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.
- 24 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.
- 25 "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?
- 26 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.
- 27 "But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

I. INSENSITIVITIES

- A. Can Be Positive
- B. Can Be Negative

II. IF YOUR LIFE IS ALL ABOUT THE PRESENT YOU WILL LOOSE IT

- A. Where Is Your Focus?
- B. Is It On The Present?
- C. Is It On Eternity? *Matthew 6:33; James 2:10; Isaiah 64:6*
- D. What Does The Evidence Point Toward?
 - 1. How do you use your money?
 - 2. How do you spend your time?
 - 3. What are your goals? *Ephesians 5:26; Deuteronomy 6:6-11*

III. THE WORLD'S GOODS HAVE VALUE ONLY FOR A BRIEF TIME

- A. This Life Comes With An Expiration Date *Psalms 139:16*
- B. Our Shelf Life Is Brief
- C. If We Do Not Deny Ourselves Here, Eternity Will Be In Hell

IV. WE MUST NOT BE ASHAMED

- A. Jesus Will Judge The World
- B. He Has But Two Pronouncements
 - 1. Well Done
 - 2. Depart from Me
- C. Jesus Speaks Much About Hell
- D. For Those Who Are Ashamed Of Christ, There Will Be Hell For Eternity