



BCF LESSONS 9 -10 DEALING WITH SELF (part I &2) handout revised 9/99 greg blanc

THIS WEEKS MEMORY VERSE

Luke 9:23-24 (NKJV) ²³ Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

"Who do _____ say that I Am"?...is a question that Jesus asks every individual. How you answer that question will affect the _____ that you practice denying self.

Jesus lays down the conditions for anyone who would join Him:

1. He/she _____ deny himself
2. He/she must pick up his cross _____
3. He/she must follow Him

What Jesus was trying to tell the disciples is that there is a major cost putting their faith in Him.

1. He must deny himself - meant that following Jesus would include much _____.
2. He must pick up his cross daily - reminded them that following Jesus would possibly include daily _____ for doing what is right.
3. He must follow him - meant unconditional _____ to God's will in their lives.

SACRIFICE-SUFFERING-SURRENDER....Those were His conditions for discipleship then, and are still His conditions today, for those who choose to follow Him.
(Don't forget that Grace, Mercy, and Forgiveness are also a part of part of the deal)

- a. Denying self is a part of the believer's life and a _____ of following Jesus.
- b. It is possible to overcome our _____ impulses, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Who Will Be the Greatest?????? Many of our problems start because we are always _____ ourselves with others, desiring what they have, and not content with the place in life that God has ordained us to be.

Few people have the strength to _____ a friend's success without envy.

HOW DO WE OVERCOME SELFISH _____ AND _____ ?

Commit to remember God's _____ , not satan's _____ .

A. You are fearfully and _____ made and created in God's image!

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139:13-14

B. God loves you with a _____ love!

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

C. God will even use physical deformities or terminal problems for our good and His _____ !

³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:3-5

D. You can be _____ in any circumstance!

¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11-13

Secular reasoning says - Focus on _____ !

Biblical reasoning says - Focus on _____ !

Secular reasoning says - You deserve it!

Biblical reasoning says - You deserve _____ !

Secular reasoning says - When you die, you _____ !

Biblical reasoning says - When you die, you live _____ !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stop playing defense and start playing offense..... By:

- A. Remembering that you are God's child! John 1:12
- B. Putting off the old self and putting on the new self! Ephesians 4:22-24
- C. Trusting God and committing your plans to Him! Proverbs 3:5-6
- D. Waiting patiently for God! Psalm 37:1-9
- E. Focus on esteeming others higher than yourself! Philippians 2:3

_____ that we have: your body, material goods, time, abilities, and spiritual gifts, have been graciously _____ to you by God.

Homework

Lessons 9 & 10

Dealing with Self

1. **Memory Verse:** Luke 9: 23-24
2. **Read Lessons 9 & 10**
3. **Continue to work on Supplement 10**, which you began last week
4. **Define the following terms:**
 - A. Envy
 - B. Jealousy
 - C. Covetousness
 - D. Greed
5. When (*specifically*) do you struggle with these sins?
6. How can you respond biblically in these circumstances? (*Please be specific*)
7. What are some specific things that you can do to be a good steward? (Refer to lesson 10; pages 4-6)
8. **Answer (using scripture):**

For what purpose has God given you special gifts and abilities? (Refer to lesson 10; pages 7-8)