

Podcast Episode Notes
Season 4 Episode 6 Dying to Self

It's one thing to surrender your rights so you can better serve God and others, but it's another thing to die to self. We die to self-will to do God's will. We die to self-pleasing in order to please God. We die to relying only on ourselves to put our full trust in God. How do we do that?

Examples

When you are forgotten, neglected or purposely set aside, and you don't sting and hurt with the insult or the overnight, but you keep your heart right before God and are glad to be counted as worthy to suffer for Jesus – that is dying to self.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart or even defend yourself – that is dying to self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, irregularity, unpunctuality or any annoyance, and when you stand face-to-face with waste, foolishness, extravagance and spiritual insensitivity and endure it as Jesus did – that is dying to self.

When you are content with any food, clothing, climate, culture – and any interruption by the will of God – that is dying to self.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or to record your own good works or itch after commendations, and when you truly love to be unknown – that is dying to self.

When you can see someone else prosper and have their needs met and can honestly rejoice with them from your heart and feel no envy nor question God while your own needs are far greater – that is dying to self.

When you can receive rebuke and correction from one of less stature than yourself and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no places of rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart – that is dying to self.

Are you dead yet? In these days, the Holy Spirit desires to bring us to the cross that we might become more like Jesus (Philippians 3:10)

-Bill Britton

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