

DISCIPLE DIRECTIVES

Luke 9:23

**Lest anyone be confused, Christ clearly states
the conditions for discipleship.**

I. DENY YOURSELF

- Discipleship starts with denial!

A. THE ACTION

1. Discipline: Saying “no” to yourself
2. Humility: It’s not about me! (or you)

B. THE SITUATION (see 9:57-62)

1. No hasty disciples (57-58)
2. No hesitant disciples (59-60)
3. No half-hearted disciples (61-62)

II. TAKE YOUR CROSS

A. THE OBJECT

1. A Cross - Gal. 3:13
2. Christ’s Cross - Luke 9:22, 44.
3. Your Cross - John 21:18-22

B. THE TASK

1. Carry the cross
2. Be free from other things
- See Mark 10:17-22

C. THE TERM

1. Daily taking your cross wherever you go
2. Carrying it every day even when you’re weak or weary

III. FOLLOW CHRIST

A. THE COMMAND

1. Keep Trusting - Prov. 3:5-6
2. Stay focused
3. Don't Quit - John 6:66

B. THE APPLICATION (see Luke 9:24-26)

1. Commit completely (24)
2. Think Ahead (25)
3. Speak Shamelessly (26)

CONCLUSION:

Will you commit to following Jesus in 2014?

1. Anyone can but many won't
 - It won't be popular
2. Conditions apply
 - If ... then ...

Consider your commitment to Christ.

1. Are you denying yourself?
2. Do you daily take up your cross?
3. Are you following Jesus?

“If anyone wishes to be counted as my adherent, he must once and for all say farewell to self, decisively accept pain, shame and persecution for my sake and in my cause – day in, day out – and must then keep on following me as my disciple. He must subject himself to my discipline.”

- Expanded translation by William Hendriksen, “Commentary on Luke”, p. 498.