

# Following the Way of Christ

## THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST IN OUR LIVES

### Nehemiah 9:6 NKJV

You alone *are* the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

*How can you recognize Him as Lord over all?*

### 1 Chronicles 29:10-14 NLT

<sup>10</sup>Then David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly: “O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! <sup>11</sup>Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. <sup>12</sup>Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. <sup>13</sup>“O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! <sup>14</sup>But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

*How can you praise Him as Lord over all, even when your situation is not as you expected?*

### Luke 9:23 NKJ

<sup>23</sup>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.

### Luke 9:23 NLT

<sup>23</sup>Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

*What does it mean to follow Christ? What does it mean to deny yourself?*

### Galatians 2:20 NKJV

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

*Have we held on to the gifts and talents the Lord has given, or have we offered them back to Him because they are His, and utilize them by His Holy Spirit's working and power in our lives?*

### **Philippians 3:8 NKJV**

<sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

*Why might it seem difficult to surrender certain things? What do we receive in return, once we lose our own life?*

### **Luke 6:46-49 NKJV**

<sup>46</sup> "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?<sup>47</sup> Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: <sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>49</sup> But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

### **1 Corinthians 6:18-20 NKJV**

<sup>18</sup> Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

*Am I my own person, Who do I belong to? Who sits on the throne of my heart, God or myself?*

### **Colossians 3:1-11 NKJV**

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all."

*Have I experienced the death of sin in my life? How does Romans 8:13 say we should be able to put to death the deeds of the body?*

**Romans 12:1,2**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

*What drives my decision making: my goals and ambitions, or the Lord's way and will?*

**Psalm 136**

*What is the one character of our God and Lord that is repeated throughout this Psalm? How has He shown His love to you?*