

Answer Key

INTRODUCTION:

- Audited
- Casual

The Three D's:

1. DECISION

- Self-determination
- Limited
- Power

2. DEDICATION

- Hard
- Condemned
- Personal

3. DEVOTION

- Authority
- Dividends
- Individually

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! "God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins. Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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Sermon Notes



The Three D's of
True
Discipleship
Matthew 16:24

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Matthew 16:24 (ESV)

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, **If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

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(Answer key located on back page)

Introduction:

Just as no one would trust a doctor who only _____
medical school, we cannot approach following Jesus with a
_____ attitude.

The Three D's of True Discipleship:

1. D _____: (Matthew 16:24a)

"Let him deny himself..."

- Self-denial involves surrendering our right to _____.
- We must exchange our _____ perspective for God's infinite wisdom.
- This creates space for God's _____ to work through us.

2. D _____: (Matthew 16:24b)

"Take up his cross..."

- Taking up your cross means making _____ choices daily.
- Cross-bearing represented a _____ person carrying the instrument of their execution.
- Your cross is _____; each person's journey of sacrifice is unique.

3. D _____: (Matthew 16:24c)

"And follow me..."

- Following Christ requires surrendering complete _____ over our lives.
- True following yields eternal _____.
- This transformation occurs both _____ and corporately.

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. In what areas of my life am I merely "auditing" my faith?
2. What is the specific cross God is asking me to bear right now?
3. What practical steps can I take this week to move from casual observation to complete commitment?

COMMITMENT:

Today, I commit to stop being a spiritual auditor and fully enroll in Christ's school of discipleship by:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

KEY VERSE TO REMEMBER:

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." - Matthew 16:24

Next Steps:

1. Morning Challenge: Ask yourself "Is this about me, or about God?" before making decisions.
2. Actively participate in learning how to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. Join a small group or ministry team for accountability.
4. Schedule daily time for prayer and Bible study.

