

Those Precious Daily Deaths

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“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me” (Luke 9:23).

Have you ever felt like your daily schedule is boring and means nothing for eternity? I am sure we all have and do at times. Have you ever felt like all day long you were just wrestling with your overwhelming agenda and fighting to get your duties done in the middle of constant interruptions? Again, I'm sure we all have. What if, in the very midst of our normal daily routines, there were little opportunities and altars upon which we could deny ourselves and allow Christ to live through us? What if these altars were found in the little petty things that seem like nothing more than nuisances? If these truly are place where Christ can be formed and manifest, then our lives are full of opportunities to bring glory to God through Jesus our Life!

Such precious daily dying to self develops the inner life of one who is being conformed to the image of the Son. Each little sacrifice binds us in oneness to the Lamb as our way. Why despise these little altars? They are the grace of God in our daily walk. They are God's secret intruders sent to those that love Him at all times. They are opportunities that come at odd times and in unattractive packages! If we only live for the grand and glorious times of sacrifice we will surely account these small altars as unimportant and meaningless. Yet how we respond at these times will define our walk and in what manner and nature we abide. These unseen opportunities prepare us to be given in the Spirit of Christ when a deeper death is required of us.

We can exist in the midst of our family, job, and daily routine as a savor of Christ through the small decisions to choose Christ above self. Do these hidden and little decisions make a difference and does God see them? I believe they mean so much to His heart. They are the building blocks of the Kingdom – the very places His Life in us finds expression and increase. Why waste these special opportunities through tears of sorrow, self pity, fear, and awareness of our own feelings and needs? We can love the Lord by offering Him the sacrifice of praise rather than the complaints of our soul. It is at these times that we can choose to pour out our own soul to partake of the Lamb and respond as His Bride in the hidden things of the heart.***