

## Luke 9:23-27

### I. Command

- A. Introductory formula - "He said to them all" (23a)
- B. What He said: (23b-e)
  - 1. Condition: "If anyone wants to come after me" (23b)  
Not just dying on cross, but voluntarily doing it for a purpose
  - 2. Effect: He must do these things voluntarily (23c-e)
    - a Deny himself (23c)
    - b Take up his cross daily (23d)
    - c Follow me – to death on cross (23e)

### II. Reason: Putting God first gets everything, putting self first loses everything (24-27)

- A. We get the opposite (24)
  - 1. In a bad way (24a-b)
    - a If anyone wants to save his life (24a)  
– things we value such as status and pride
    - b He will lose it (24b)
  - 2. In a good way (24c-d)
    - a If anyone loses life on behalf of me (24c)
    - b He will gain it (24d)
- B. Reason: some things are more eternally valuable than others (25-27)  
Illustration of breaking a window to save a baby trapped in a hot car
  - 1. Some things are not worth it in the long run (25)
    - a It gains a man nothing (25a)
    - b How he gets this nothing (25b-d)
      - 1) He gains the whole world (25b)
      - 2) But one of these (25c-d)
        - a) He loses himself (25c)
        - b) He forfeits himself (25d)
  - 2. Reason: God will judge every deed by His standards, not ours (26-27)
    - a Negative: (26)
      - 1) Condition: If anyone is ashamed of me and my words (26a)
      - 2) Effect: (26b-c)
        - a) The Son of Man will be ashamed (26b)
        - b) When He comes in the glory of His and His fathers and of the holy angels (26c)
    - b Positive (27)
      - 1) Introductory formula: "I say to you truly" (27a)
      - 2) What is said: (27b-d)
        - a) Generally: There are some of those standing here (27b)
        - b) Specific: (27c-d)
          - (1) They will certainly not taste death (27c)
          - (2) Until they see the Kingdom of God (27d)