

Denying Self – Part 2

Denying Self: A renunciation of oneself as the _____ and focus of attention in one's life (Mat. 16:24; Mk. 8:34; Lk. 9:23).

- Yielding to the control of the _____ vs. the _____ (Gal. 5:16)
- My flesh / old self is being _____ (Eph. 4:22-24)

_____ **My Ambitions and Desires for** _____

- Bonhoeffer: “God _____ visionary dreaming.”
- Paul: “I press on toward the _____” (Phil. 3:13-14)
 - 1) Knowing _____ (Phil. 3:7-11)
 - 2) Making _____ known (Phil. 3:12; Acts 20:24)
- Jesus to disciples (Mk. 9:33ff) – _____ on God's terms
- Do I have a _____-vision / ambition from the _____ of God, obeyed in the power of the _____ of God?

Yielding My _____ **to God**

- *Definition:* Something I inherently _____; justified _____; something to which I have a just or _____

The Example of _____ (Gen. 50:19-20) – yielded his rights to God and his rights in _____

The Essence – _____ our own affairs _____ so that we are _____ to God for Him to accomplish _____ priorities in / through us

The Example of _____

Phil. 2:5-8 – gave up His *right* to eternal fellowship with _____ to accomplish the will of God on our behalf.

1 Peter 2:18-24 – willing to _____ for doing _____

- What He *didn't* do: no sin, no _____, no reviling, no _____
- What He *did* do: _____ Himself to the righteous _____
- He saw the bigger _____ beyond the _____
- The world: _____ your rights / God's word: _____ your rights

Giving up my rights requires trusting God's _____ vs. my _____

- Denying self is _____ – we don't control the _____
- Denying self is fulfilling my God-given _____

Discussion Questions: Denying Self – Part 2

1. Can you share a personal experience of giving up your ambitions for God's ambitions? (this could be a major life decision or something more momentary)

What are some of the roadblocks we face in doing this?

2. What are some rights that I tend to claim...

- In society?
- In my place of employment?
- In my home?
- In other relationships?
- In the church?
- From God?

What might it mean / look like if I began to yield those rights to God?

3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?