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THE LIFE OF SELF DENIAL

Christ was totally sold out to God the Father, and we can be, as well. He did nothing of himself. "The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do..." *John 5:19*. Sin, the flesh, and the culture continually wars for our attention and our participation. But when we die daily, we consider ourselves incapable of responding to those temptations. A dead man has no personal agendas or rights. He is not tempted to sin because he is dead to everything around him. **No more self-direction, we live a God-directed life always, at every level. No more self-promotion, we live a life that seeks only that which honors our God. No more power of sin controlling us, we are always in conscious submission to our God. This is the crucified life.** We have changed our paradigm and our life's focus. The life of Christ in us is ours when we reckon ourselves to be dead to sin and alive to our God.

Luke 9:23 Phillips

If anyone wants to follow in my footsteps, he must give up all right to himself, carry his cross every day and keep close behind me.

Gal 5:24 New Century Version

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their own sinful selves. They have given up their old selfish feelings and the evil things they wanted to do.