

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Clearing the Clutter

Luke 9:18-36

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1. What clutters our thinking?

Luke 9:18-27

- We see Jesus as Savior, but not always _____.
- We choose _____ over _____.
- We think it's about _____ instead of _____ and _____.
- We choose _____ over _____.

Galatians 2:20

2. Why does Jesus command us to take up our cross?

- Only the _____ can bear the weight of our _____.
- It reminds us that we have been _____ at great _____.
- It's a humble picture of _____ our _____ to His call.

Luke 9:28-36

3. Putting Your House in Order

- We must see Jesus as the _____ of _____.
2 Peter 1:12-18
- We must see Jesus as God's _____ _____.
John 14:6
- We must understand that _____ is about _____.

FURTHER STUDY

1. What would it take for you to clear the clutter in your life, to truly understand God's purpose and then carry it out?

2. Contentment is a key ingredient to self-denial and fulfilling God's purpose with our lives.

⇒ How do you think most people define contentment?

3. Being willing to submit your life to God is a key element of understanding and putting "self-denial" into action.

⇒ How do the following verses help us better understand what submission is and isn't?

Matthew 26:39, 42

Ephesians 5:21

Philippians 2:1-4

John 13:6-10

4. We often know the right answer about who Jesus is but have wrong assumptions about what He expects from us and what He will do in our lives.

⇒ As you read the stories of the rich young ruler and Peter, identify the wrong assumptions they made and how Jesus responded to them.

Matthew 19:16-30

John 21:15-23

5. When you consider how God may want to use you for His eternal purpose, how do you make decisions and understand His leading when it comes to carrying out your call in service to Him?