



DYING TO SELF (author unknown)

Colossians 3:5 says, "Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature." Paul wants us to put our hearts and minds on things above (spiritual things) and take our hearts and minds off of earthly (sinful) things. In order to do this, we must die to self!

When you are forgotten, neglected, or personally attacked, but you don't sting or hurt with the insight of the oversight. Instead your heart is happy, being counted worthy to suffer for Christ. That's Dying to Self!

When your good works are spoken evil of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, but you refuse to let your anger rise in your heart. Instead you take it all in patient, loving silence. That's Dying to Self!

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, irregularity, impunctuality, or any annoyance; when you stand face-to-face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility and endure it as Jesus endured. That's Dying to Self!

When you are content with any food, any offering, any climate, any society and raiment, or any interruption by the will of God. That's Dying to Self!

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good words, or itch after commendations, when you can truly love to be unknown. That's Dying to Self!

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up in your heart. That's Dying to Self!

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy, nor question God while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances. That's Dying to Self!

Go and do likewise!