



What Will You Give Up?

“I think the good and the great are only separated by the willingness to sacrifice.”
(Kareem Abdul-Jabbar)

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Introduction: Three Questions That Only You Can Answer

1. What do you **want** to become?
2. What will it **cost** you to become?
3. **Will you** do what it takes to become?

Statement: I have wanted to be a certain kind of person but did not want to pay the price to become that person?

Questions

1. Do you know what you want?
2. Do you have a dream job?
3. Do you have a dream salary?
4. Do you have a dream relationship?
5. Do you have a dream schedule?
6. What will it cost to have what you dream?

What Jesus and The Disciples Had To Give Up To Reach Their Dreams

1. Jesus Had To Give up His Privacy

A. He gave up his normal life and started preaching: From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 4: 17, NKJV)

B. He gave up his privacy and became famous: 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. 25 Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. (Matthew 4:24–25, NKJV)

2. Jesus Had To Give Up His Life For Our Lives (Romans 5:8, NIV)

- **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

3. The Disciples Gave Up Their Full-Time Focus On Business Matthew 4:18–22 (NKJV)

- And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” 20 **They immediately left their nets and followed Him.**
- 21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, 22 and **immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.**



4. What Are You Willing To Give Up? Matthew 16:24–25 (NIV)

- 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.
1. Are you willing to say no to yourself? (What can’t you deny yourself?)
 2. Are you willing to carry a cross? (What responsibility are you rejecting?)
 3. Are you willing to follow? (Who do you refuse to follow that has a right to lead you?)

Closing Prayer:

Lord help me surrender what needs to be surrendered. Help me see my own rebellion against following anyone that does not think exactly like me. Lift my eyes above the burdens (or crosses) that my responsibilities demand of me.

Help me embrace the challenges in my life the same way Christ embraced the cross. Finally, I commit to following you through whoever you send into my life. I realize that you are my Lord, but you send people and circumstances to improve my life. Everyone in authority, every rule and law is not my enemy. Help me give up what I need to give up allowing your best in my life.