7 Things Sincere Christians Do Wed 4/19/23

 *1 Be willing to follow Christ*

Luke 9:23 NKJV

23Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

# Galatians 2:20 NKJV

# 20I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

# 1 John 2:15 NKJV

# 15Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

#  *2 Deny self*

# Mark 8:34 NKJV

# 34When He had called the people to *Himself,* with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

#  *We give up the right to live by our own rules*

# John 14:23-24 NKJV

# 23Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

# 24He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

#  *We give up the right to hold a grudge.*

# Colossians 3:13 NKJV

# 13bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do.*

#  *3 Take up the cross daily, not periodically or when it is convenient or profitable.*

#  *4 Follow daily to the end not just for a while.*

# Hebrews 3:6-14 NKJV

# 6but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

# 7Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you will hear His voice,8Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,In the day of trial in the wilderness,9Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,And saw My works forty years.10Therefore I was angry with that generation,And said, ‘They always go astray in *their* heart,And they have not known My ways.’11So I swore in My wrath,‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”

# 12Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

# 13but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

# 14For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

#  *5 Lose life not gain it*

# Luke 9:24 NKJV

# 24For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

# Matthew 6:33 NKJV

# 33But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

#  *6 Live free from the love of the world*

# Luke 9:25 NKJV

# 25For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

# 1 John 2:15-17 NKJV

# 15Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

# 16For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

# 17And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

# James 4:4 NKJV

# 4Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

#  *7 Live unashamed of Christ and His words*

# Luke 9:26 NKJV

# 26For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father’s, and of the holy angels.

# Mark 8:38 NKJV

# 38For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”