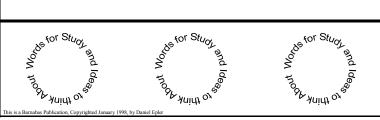
What does it mean to die to Self?

(Gal 5:13-14) For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

(Rom 12:1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

(2 Cor 12:15) And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

(Col 3:1-4) If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.



A Study of Matthew

Matthew 10:1-42

Lesson 8

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 11:1-30 Memory Verse — Matthew 10:39

Jesus demanded much from his disciples and today he demands much from us. In Matthew the 10th chapter we read of Jesus

sending forth his disciples to teach among the house of Israel and commanding them to tell Israel that the Kingdom was near. Can you imagine being there with Christ when he called Peter, Andrew, James, and John and the others. What would it have been like to be there and hear his words of how they should go. Christ told them many things and by telling them not to take thought for the needs of their bodies as they went to teach, he was telling his disciples to have faith. Christ told them that they would find care along the way and that they should not take gold, silver, a bag, two coats, extra sandals or extra staff.

The disciples were told to find a worthy house when they entered a town. It would be important for them, not only for them being taken care of, because whom they stayed with would certainly influence how successful they would be in teaching the people. Christ also told them that if a city would not hear them that they should shake the dust off their feet and go to another city. How terrible it is for those who do not want to hear the word's of God.

Christ gave his disciples great power

before sending them out and told them freely give as they had received. Today we are blest by God and all that we have is by God's grace, we too should freely give to



others for God has so freely given unto us and blessed us. Christ also cautioned them that men would treat them as men had treated their lord. Christ said, "If they call the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household.

Christ told them that he was sending them out like Sheep before wolves. Christ told them to be wise as snakes and as innocent as doves. We too could learn much from these words today. Christ said that It is enough for a disciple to be as his teacher. Christ assured them that they would be taken care of in the time of trial. Christ also told them that if they would acknowledge him before men he would acknowledge them before his father.

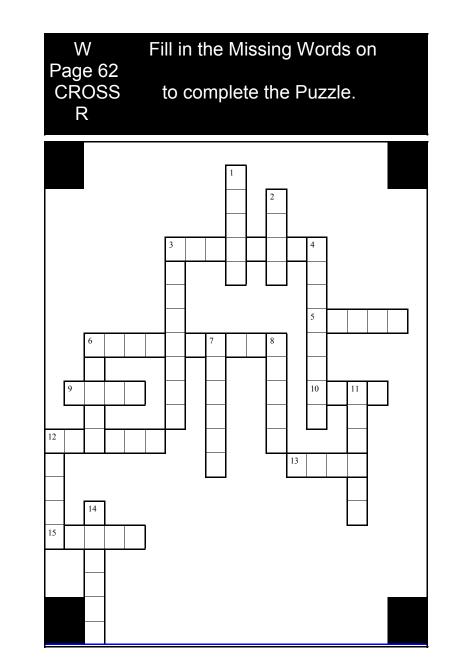
Christ told them to boldly teach what he had taught them and that they should not fear those who could kill the body. Christ said that only the one who could kill the soul should be feared. Christ again emphasized God's care by telling them that God knows when a sparrow falls, how much more valuable are we than a sparrow.

Christ told them that they must love him more than anything. We must be willing to deny ourselves for Christ. Christ said that we must take up our cross for he said, "Whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Match the Verse with the incident

a. 10:1	b. 10:5-6	c. 10:9-10
d. 10:16	e. 10:24	f. 10:32
g. 10:39		

1. Christ told his disciples, if they would acknowledge him before men he would acknowledge them before his Father.



Cross Word Fun for Learning

(Mat 10:5-18) These 7D Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the 3A, and into any city of the 6A enter ye not: But go rather to the lost 6D of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. <u>9A</u> the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither 2D, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Nor scrip for your journey, neither two 1D, neither 15A, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. And into whatsoever city or 10A ve shall enter, inquire who in it is 11D; and there abide till ye go thence. And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your 5A come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye 12A out of that house or city, shake off the 13A of your feet. Verily I say unto vou, It shall be more tolerable for the land of 8D and 3D in the day of judgment, than for that city. Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of 14D : be ve therefore wise as 4D , and harmless as 12D.

<u>Answers to Lesson 7</u>
<u>Across</u> - 3. Authority, 4. Mountain, 6. Sleeping,
8. Harvest, 11. David, 12. Custom, 14. Gergesenes,
16. Word; *Down* - 1. Thinking, 2. Storm,
5. Capernaum, 7. Laborers, 9. Faith, 10. Swine,
13. Mercy, 14. God, 15. Coat

2. Jesus Called his disciples together and gave them power over unclean Spirits and Diseases.

- 3. Christ told his disciples that a disciple is not better than his teacher nor a servant than his master.
- 4. Jesus told his disciples to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.
- 5. Christ told his disciples to go to the lost sheep of Israel.
- 6. Jesus told his disciples that he that would find his life would lose it, but he that would lose his life for his sake would find it.
- 7. Christ told his disciples not to take extra for their journey.

Questions

1. What kind of Power did Jesus give his twelve disciples?

2. Why do you think the disciples were told not to take extra coats, sandals, or staff and to take no money or bag?

3. What does it mean to be as wise a serpent and harmless as a dove?

4. What does it mean "that a disciple is not better than his teacher"?

5. What was Christ promise to those who would acknowledge him before men?

- 6. Whom must we love more than anything?
- 7. What does it mean to take up our cross?

8. What does it mean, "He who finds his life will lose it; how who loses his life for my sake will find it"?

