



THE LIFE GIVING KINGDOM PRINCIPLE OF DEATH TO SELF FULNESS

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"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" Matt. 16:24

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

When we come to Christ, our old self is crucified.

"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin." Romans 6:6

Our old self is irreparably addicted to sin and void of virtue.

"I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out." Romans 7:18

We are directed to put off our old self and to put on the new self, who was born in us when we were born again.

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4:22-24

"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." Colossians 3:9-10

Definition of Terms

The Old Self: Our sinful human nature; the person conceived in our mother's womb, who though created in God's image, is irreparably damaged by sin as Adam's child with Adam's DNA of rebellion, sin addiction, disobedience and iniquity that seeks to have control over us – heart, soul and physical body.

The New Self: Our new human nature; the person born inside us when we were reborn by the Holy Spirit as true believers in Christ, who is inseparably linked to Christ with all His DNA of hunger for and love for God, desire to obey and follow Him, that seeks to have control over us – our heart, soul and physical body.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"
 2 Corinthians 5:17

<u>Old Self</u>	<u>New Self</u>
Slave to sin	Free from sin
Feeds on sin	Feeds on righteousness
Walks in darkness	Walks in Light
Deception	Truth
False Identity	True Identity
Linked to guilt	Justified
Linked to shame	Dignity restored
Hiding	Transparent
Self-condemning	Christ exalting
Always battling fear	Courageous
Evil desires	Godly desires
Love of self	Love of Christ
Unbelief	Faith-filled
Self effort	Holy Spirit power
False perception of reality	Accurate view of reality
Natural	Supernatural

LESS OBVIOUS

Superficially Sanctified	Truly Sanctified
Rooted in past	Rooted in future
Best days are behind	Best days are yet to come
Carries past wounds	Carries health & healing
Hates rebukes	Welcomes rebukes
Self-conscious	Self-forgetful
A rebellious mind	The mind of Christ
Hates meditating on scripture	Loves meditating on scripture
Bounces from false humility to pride	Walks in humility in the fear of the Lord
All obedience is a work of the flesh	All obedience is a work of the Spirit
Never understands the manifest presence of Christ	Values the manifest presence of Christ
Prayer is a duty	Prayer is a delight
Soul-winning is self effort	Soul-winning is Holy Spirit empowered
Bible reading is an end in itself	Bible reading leads to an encounter with Christ
Denying pornography fills me with frustration	My affections are for Christ & His Kingdom
Downward pull	Upward pull
Hates the Christian life	Loves everything about the Christian life!

MINISTRY RELATED

Doesn't have a clue about the kingdom	Can smell the kingdom a mile away
Lives in the fear of man	Enjoys the pleasure of God
Plays it safe	Risk taking
Limited capacity	Unlimited capacity
Unapproachable	Approachable
Inflexible	Flexible
Getting older with age	Getting younger with age
Prayer-less	Prayerful
Tries hard to exercise motivational gifts	Flows in the motivational gifts
Hates the manifestation gifts	Welcomes the manifestation gifts
Will never understand the 5 equipping gifts	Activates the 5 equipping gifts
Periodically preaches a good sermon	Preaches people to an encounter with Christ
Never leads a decent prayer meeting	Knows how to lead people to encounter Christ
Leadership gifts are always hindered	Flows in Kingdom leadership

How to Die to Self

Practical Guidelines

- 1. Celebrate the funeral of your old self** by virtue of your union with Christ in His death. Count yourselves dead to sin.

"In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." Romans 6:11

- 2. Welcome the gift of repentance;** declare all-out war against any areas of temptation and sin.

"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness." Romans 6:12-13

- 3. Look for opportunities to deny self** and take up your cross in your most personal relationships.

"Take up your cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." Ephesians 5:25

- 4. Look for opportunities to make appropriate restitution.**

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison." Matthew 5:23-25

- 5. Welcome a well-deserved rebuke.**

"Do not make light of the Lord's discipline and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves." Hebrews 12:5-6

- 6. Never miss an opportunity to embrace humility.** Humility is the willingness to be known for who you are.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:6

- 7. Pray.** Holy Spirit-motivated prayer always flows from the new self.

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray..." 2 Chronicles 7:14

- 8. Feed your new self on the manifest presence of Christ.**

"Put on the new self which is being renewed in the knowledge of the image of its creator." Colossians 3:10

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