

Jesus: *"If any one of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."* Luke 9:23 NLT

*Why do you think I keep risking my neck in this dangerous work? I look death in the face practically every day I live. Do you think I'd do this if I wasn't convinced of your resurrection and mine as guaranteed by the resurrected Jesus? Do you think I was just trying to act heroic? Not on your life! It's the resurrection that undergirds what I do and say, and the way I live.* 1 Corinthians 15:30-32a MSG

*Welcome him with Christian love and with great joy and be sure to honor people like him. For he risked his life for the work of Christ.* Philippians 2:29-30

### **Mindset:**

#### 1. Right view of God

Jesus: *"Pray like this: Our Father in heaven . . ."*  
Matthew 6:9 NLT

Jesus: *"Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."*  
John 14:9 AMP

#### 2. Identity settled

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*  
1 John 3:1 NIV

*Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.*  
1 John 4:18 NLT

#### 3. Sacrificial mentality

*You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.* 2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT

David: *"I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."* 2 Samuel 24:24

Jesus: *"You won't regret it. No one who has sacrificed his home, spouse, brothers and sisters, parents, children—whatever—will lose out. It will all come back multiplied many times over in your lifetime. And then the bonus of eternal life!"* Luke 18:29-30 MSG

#### 4. Kingdom advancement

Jesus: *"I tell you [learn from this], make friends for yourselves [for eternity] by means of the wealth of unrighteousness [that is, use material resources as a way to further the work of God], so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings."*  
Luke 16:9 AMP

*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*  
Matthew 6:33 NLT

Jesus: *"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life."* Mark 8:35 NLT

Jesus: *"Risk your life and get more than you ever dreamed of. Play it safe and end up holding the bag."*  
Luke 19:26 MSG

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