

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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*...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**15:03:15**

**Theme: THE THREE QUALITIES OF A DISCIPLE**

**Memory Verse:** *Hebrews 10:36 "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise".*

**Texts: Acts 7: 59-60**

The three qualities of a disciple are self-denial, cross bearing and following Jesus. Self-denial implies voluntary or free will renunciation of whatever might hinder one's discipleship, be it career, marriage, friendship, property, food, fashion and the world in general, so that one could be like the master, Jesus. Cross bearing is willingly and gladly suffering shame, persecution, denial of right etc for the name of Christ. The disciple may feel the pain and weight of sufferings upon him but he does not grumble, murmur or complain. Stephen (Acts 7:59-60), Paul (Acts 20:22-24) and Hebrew believers (Hebrews 10:35-37) were example of disciples who bore their crosses. You definitely have your cross, bear it patiently.

As we follow Jesus we must realize that the Master had gone through this path He has called us to tread. It may lead through thorns, hills and valleys. It may cause pains and sorrows but we must persevere for He bears the cross with us and comforts us as we follow Him till we get to the glory land. Do not compromise your faith, deny yourself; do not abandon your cross; bear it and do not retreat or withdraw; follow Jesus always.

You lose everything by trying to save your life at all costs. But you gain everything by losing it for the sake of Christ. Your soul is more important than the whole world. The Christian who indulges in the rat race of politics, business, worldly social engagement and inordinate pursuit of academic goals might gain the world, but at the expense of his priceless soul. It is time to awake out of spiritual slumber and prepare for the coming of the Lord.