

Gospel of Matthew  
Not Peace  
But A Sword

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Matthew 10:32-42; 20:28; John 15:12

Redefining “gift”. Freely you have received, freely \_\_\_\_\_.

The gift is free, but not free of \_\_\_\_\_. The gift expects \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

Whether you acknowledge or deny \_\_\_\_\_ is going to leave a mark.  
The mark of a beast or of a lamb.

All life-changing love is \_\_\_\_\_ love.  
It’s the love that forms new attachments, new loyalties.

The Prince of Peace didn’t come to bring \_\_\_\_\_???

If you idolize a family member and place your full weight of hope on them, you will be  
disappointed, they will be crushed. Don’t meet your \_\_\_\_\_!

If you take up \_\_\_\_\_ cross (death), you will find your \_\_\_\_\_.  
This upside-down kingdom.

The more of your life you \_\_\_\_\_ away following me, the more you discover you have.

*A ‘vampire Christian.’ One in effect says to Jesus: “I’d like a little of your blood, please. But I don’t care to be your student or have your character. In fact, won’t you just excuse me while I get on with my life, and I’ll see you in heaven.” But can we really imagine that this is an approach that Jesus finds acceptable? But, someone will say, can I not be saved—get into heaven when I die—without any of this? Perhaps you can. God’s goodness is so great, I am sure, that He will let you in if He can find any basis at all to do so. But you might wish to think about what your life amounts to before you die, about what kind of person you are becoming, and whether you really would be comfortable for eternity in the presence of one whose company you have not found especially desirable for the few hours and days of earthly existence. And he is, after all, One who says to you now, ‘Follow me!’ ~ Dallas Willard*

You don’t have to be great to be greatly \_\_\_\_\_.  
The more you serve the greater the reward.

First step of \_\_\_\_\_ is giving someone your (undivided) attention.

To Think About:

- ~ What is the one thing you want to take with you?
- ~ Who will you share this with this week?