

The Scariest Paradox

Matt.16:24-25

I. Lose your self

- a. Selfish living:
 - i. Becomes destructive
 - ii. Is temporary Jn.2:15-16
 - iii. Limits God's blessings Matt.19:27-30
 - 1. Includes persecutions (take up your cross)
 - 2. Mk.10:28-31, IPet.4:12-14a;16

II. Lose control

- a. Control is an illusion Jms.4:13-15
 - i. We are NOT smart or powerful enough
 - ii. Trying to be in control only brings frustration and insanity

III. Lose your ownership

- a. Your life is a gift from God, including yourself
- b. You are NOT your own ICor.6:19-20
 - i. You are bought
 - ii. He has rights of ownership

IV. What about me?

- a. Let God do His job Matt.6:25-33