

MAKE A WISH

Matt.16:24-28

Intro – If you wish to be a Christian then you should expect tough times. 2Tim.3:12. However, God gives you the grace to do what He asks you to do. The question is do you really want to follow Christ.

I. First you must deny self.

A. You let Jesus take over your life. Rom.12:1-2, Gal.2:20

B. Self-denial means willing to say no. Matt.7:14,
Rom.14:19-21

C. Repentance is a part of denying self. Eph.4:22

II. Secondly, you pick up your cross.

A. The cross is a symbol of pain. Gal.5:24

B. You are willing to accept rejection. Jn.15:18-19,
Heb.11:25-26

III. Thirdly, you follow.

A. This means you actually LIVE the Christian life. Matt.4:19

B. You put God's will ahead of your own. Matt. 26:39,
Eph.4:21-24.

Con. Do you wish to be a Christian? Then surrender your will over to the will of God