

Issues of the Cross
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I. Introduction.

- A. Humility is the evidence of a person's value of God.
- B. Integrity is the evidence of a person's value of him or herself.
- C. Sensitivity is the evidence of a person's value of others.
- D. We are to take up the cross daily. (Luke 9:23)

II. Statements of humility.

- A. It means a spirit of forgiveness. (Luke 23:34; Genesis 45:28; 50:20; Exodus 15:22-27)
- B. It means honest pain and doubt. (Psalm 22)
- C. It means surrender. (Luke 23:46)

III. Statements of integrity.

- A. It means honest dryness and openly asking for the help of others. (Psalm 69)
- B. It means victory. (John 19:30; Revelation 4:5)

IV. Statements of sensitivity.

- A. It means a spirit of acceptance. (Luke 23:43)
- B. It means separation from loved ones. (John 19:26-27)

Application questions:

1. Why is taking up the cross so difficult? Which part of it do you find most challenging?

2. What does it look like to surrender yourself to God? Explain.

3. Why is taking the cross up so important in the Christian life?
