

Dead to Me

Part Two - Living Dead to Me

- **The only person it is proper to tell, “You are dead to me” is yourself.**

- *Note - Not in a way that is suicidal or even low self-esteem. That part of me that is fallen, carnal, and worldly should be dead to me.*

Romans 8:13, For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.

Luke 9:23-25, For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

- **Within the Christian faith, being a martyr isn't how we die - it's how we live - Dead to ME!**

Galatians 2:20, My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- **Living dead to me secures true spiritual victory.**

Revelation 12:11, They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

How to Live Dead to Me

1. Lay down your identity.

John 3:30, He must increase, but I must decrease.

Isaiah 14:13-15, For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. 14 I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.' 15 Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths.

2. Lay down your idolatry.

Exodus 20:3, "You shall have no other gods before me."

3. Lay down your I-centeredness.

Matthew 16:24-25, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

The Benefits of Living Dead to Me

1. Resurrection

Philippians 3:10-11, I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Luke 4:14, Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

2. Recognition

Acts 7:55-56, But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

3. Revival

Acts 8:48, Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. So there was great joy in that city.

- **Jesus promised to empower me to live dead to me.**

Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

