

Following Christ in a Post- Millennial world

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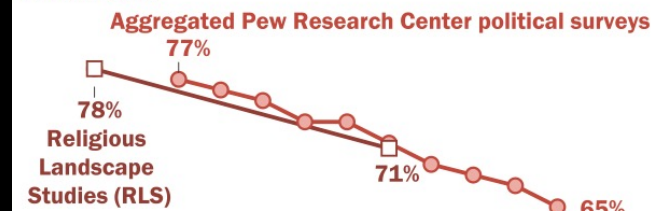


Drop in
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identify as
Christians
from 77%
(2009) to
65% (2019)

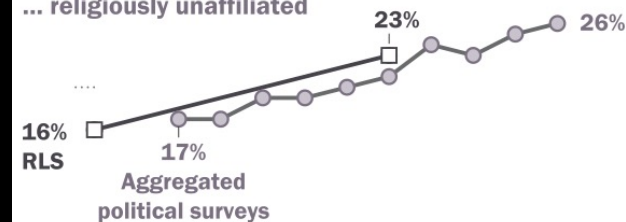
In U.S., smaller share of adults identify as Christians, while religious 'nones' have grown

% of U.S. adults who identify as ...

... Christian



... religiously unaffiliated

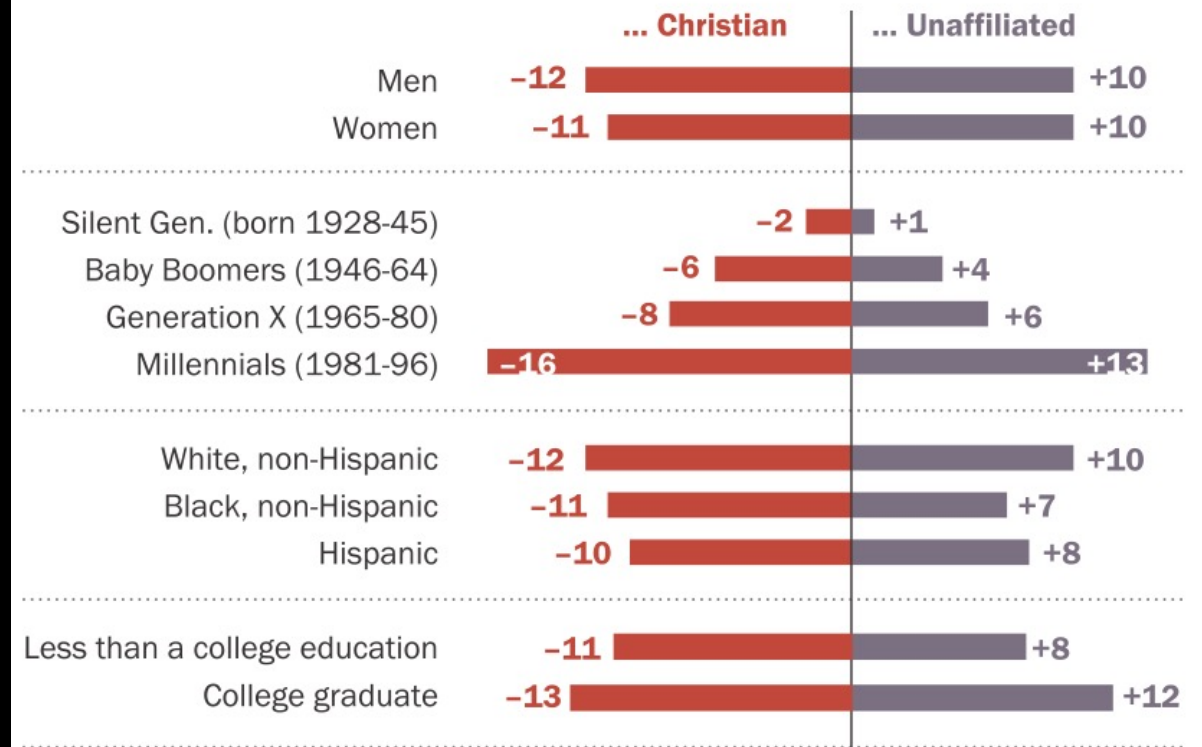


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Sharpest
decline
among
Millennials
and among
the
educated

Broad-based declines in share of Americans who say they are Christian

Percentage-point change between 2009 and 2018/2019 in the share who identify as ...



35% difference
between
Christianity among
Millennials (25-40)
vs Silent
Generation (76-93)

Large generation gap in American religion

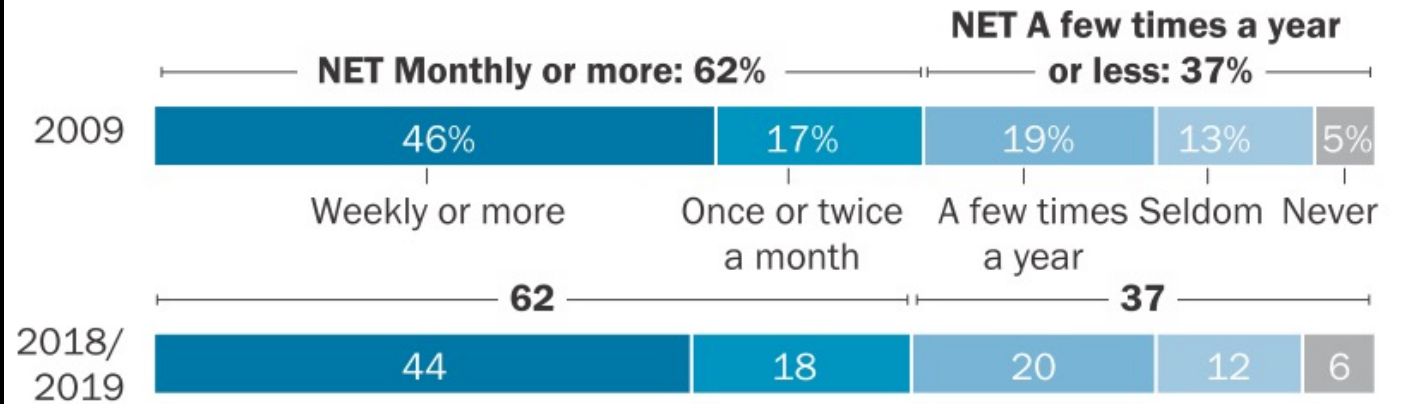
In 2018/2019, % of U.S. adults who identify as ...



Of those who
say they are
Christian,
65% attend
church
monthly,
44% weekly

Among Christians, little change in rates of church attendance

Among U.S. Christians, % who say they attend religious services ...



Source: Aggregated Pew Research Center political surveys conducted 2009 and January 2018-July 2019 on the telephone.

"In U.S., Decline of Christianity Continues at Rapid Pace"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

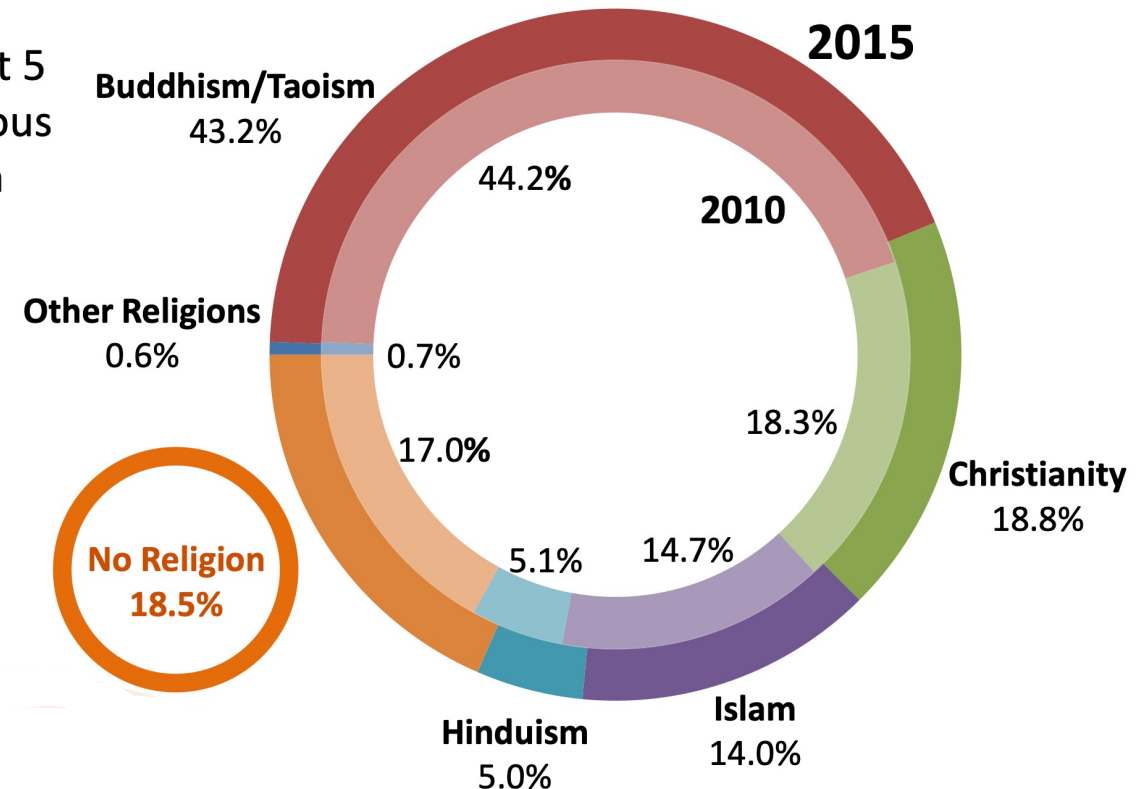
Percentage of
Christians
grown from
13% (1990) to
15% (2000) to
18% (2010)

Religion

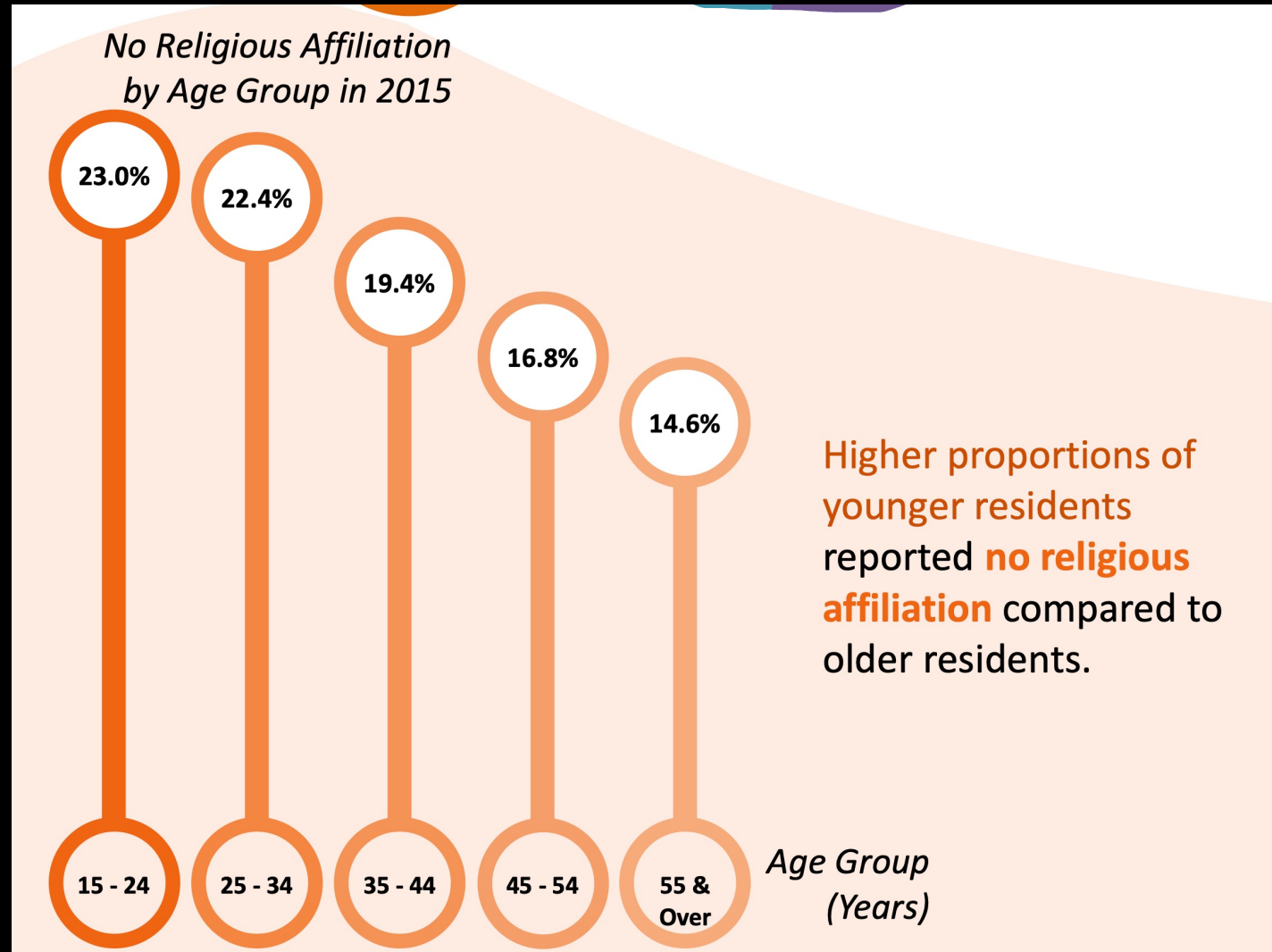
Among Residents Aged 15 Years and Over

The resident population in Singapore remained **diverse** in terms of religious affiliation.

Over the last 5 years, religious composition remained relatively **stable**.



Increasing
trend of “no
religious
affiliation”
among the
young





Luke 9

¹⁸ Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” ¹⁹ And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.” ²⁰ Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

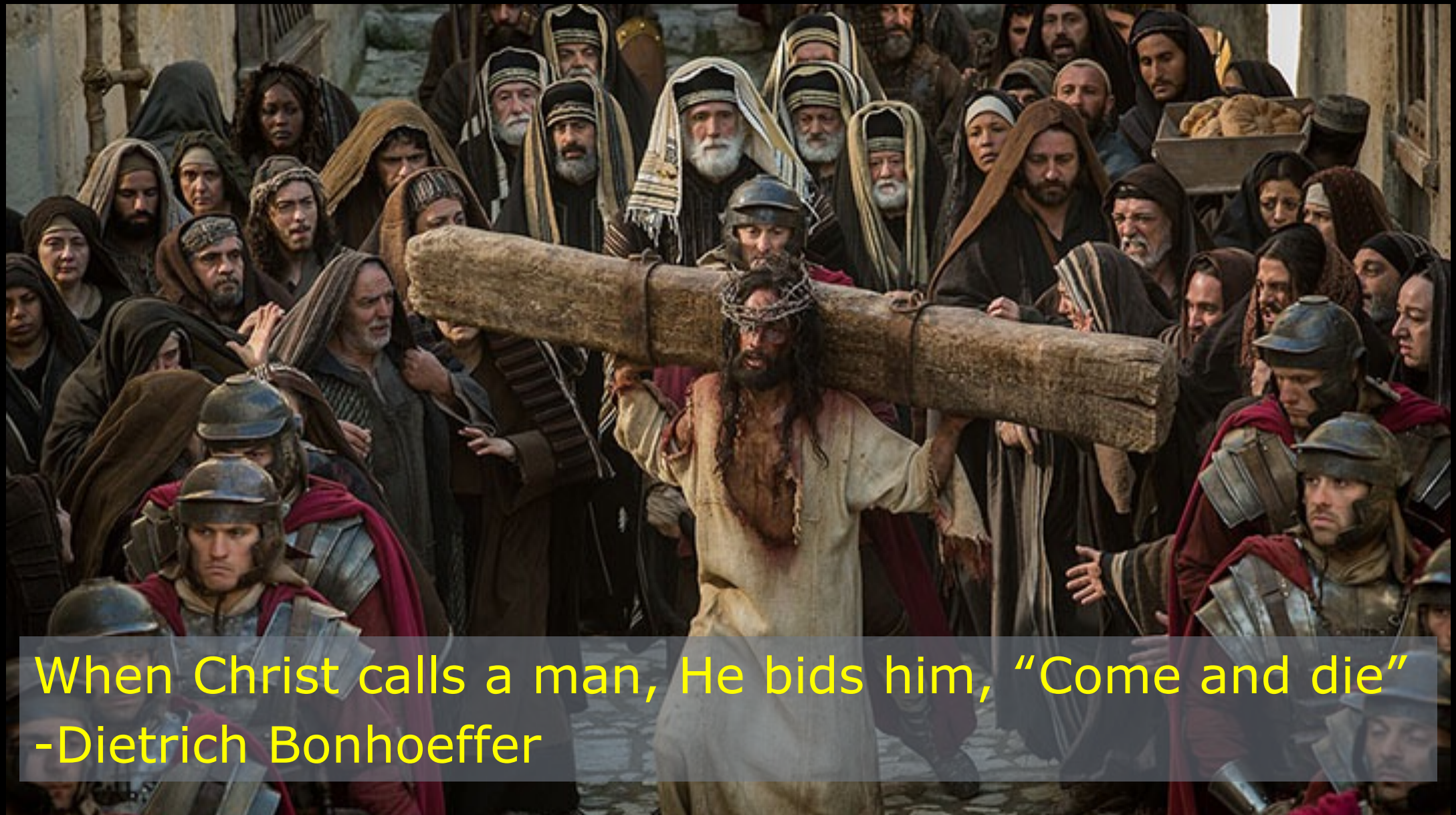
²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.** ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

DONUT DENY



**YOURSELF
AN ICE CREAM**



When Christ calls a man, He bids him, "Come and die"
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Denying Yourself

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What you **Seek**

From Self-Indulgence
to **Self-Denial**

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What you **Fear**

From Self-Preservation
to **Self-Surrender**

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What you **Serve**

From Self-Service
to **Self-Sacrifice**

Denying Yourself

- What you Seek?
- Die to Self-Indulgence





Rom 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,**

Luke 12:15

And he said to them, "Take care, and **be on your guard against all covetousness**, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Pleasure

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Phil 2:5-8

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, **did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped**, ⁷ but emptied himself, by **taking the form of a servant**, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he **humbled himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Pride

Denying Yourself

- What you Seek?
- Die to Self-Indulgence
- Practice **Self-Denial**
- From **YOLO** to **YOLF**



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2 Cor 5:9

So whether we are at home or away, we **make it our aim to please him.**

Col 3:23

Whatever you do, **work heartily, as for the Lord** and not for men,

Ambition



2 Cor 12:9

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will **boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ** may rest upon me.

Control

Denying Yourself

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- What you Serve?
- Die to Self-Service





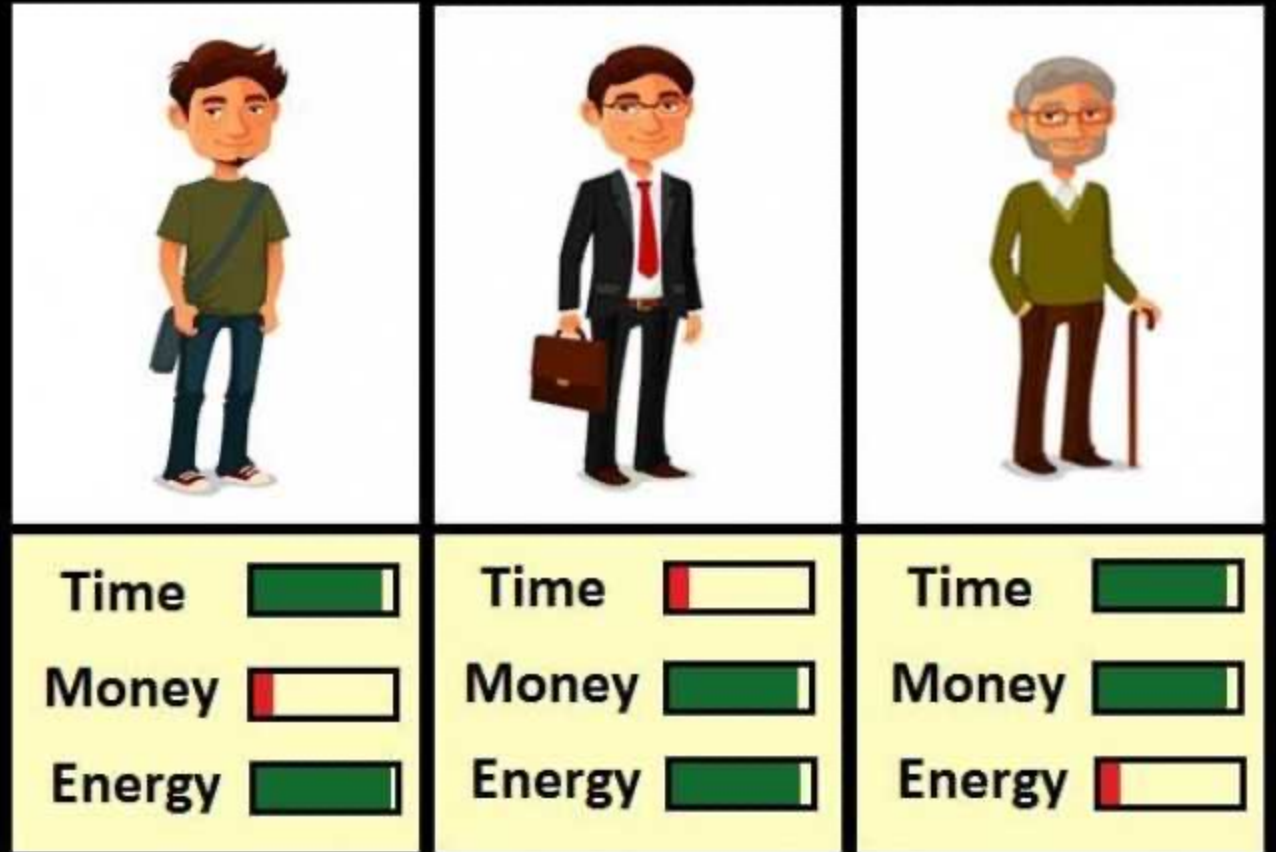
Phil 2:3-4

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility **count others more significant than yourselves**. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but **also to the interests of others**.

Rights and Beliefs

1 John 3:16-17

This is how we know what love is: **Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives** for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?



Time Energy Money

Denying Yourself

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How is it possible?

1. Be Born Again
2. Take up your cross daily
3. Seek first the Kingdom of God

