

# STUDY NOTES FROM KAREN HOERDEL'S TEACHING SERIES

## Self Denial: Not I, But Christ Study Notes

You can become focused on SELF or yourself, your emotions, your physical pains, your mental pains, your traumas, your offences...you - you - you. We can become trapped in the world's idea of SELF ESTEEM.

SELF is the flesh and our life is SPIRIT.

Jesus does not call us to **clean up** our lives, but to **give up** our lives.

Matthew 21:44

"He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but he on whom it falls will be crushed."

SELF = of oneself; personal interest or advantage

SELF-WILLED = self pleasing; dominated by self interest; arrogantly asserts his own will

Isaiah 14:12-15 - fall of satan = "I"

Matthew 16:24-25

John 5:30 - not my will

Romans 6:3-10 - dead to sin; alive in Christ

Romans 8:5-8 - flesh = death

Romans 12:1-2 - living sacrifice; a sacrifice does not get up from the altar

Galatians 6:14 - crucified to the world

Philippians 2:5-8 - no reputation

Colossians 3:1-5 - mortify your flesh

I Peter 4:1-2 - suffer in the flesh

The word "dead" comes from "NEKROS" which is the Greek word for a "human corpse"  
It is the picture of an actual dead person, whose lifeless body has no heartbeat and no breath in his lungs. Dead people don't respond to anything because they are dead!

Romans 6:1 says it is time for you to reckon, deem, consider, regard, count as a done fact that you are dead to sin and its lying accusations. To continually count yourself as dead to sin, you may have to speak to yourself often and take authority over your flesh. Command your flesh to shut its mouth and remind you that the flesh lost its power at the Cross and no longer has a right to rule and reign over your life!

Give your broken, empty self to God. He will fill it and keep on filling it. When you are low and empty before Him, He will fill you with His glory and power.

John 12:25

"The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

Luke 17:33

“Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.”

**LET US PRAY:**

Father God, I confess all my sin! I am guilty of pride, hate, anger, bitterness and unforgiveness! I Ask you to forgive me! I ask you to search my heart for any hidden and unconfused sin. Father God, I repent and I am sorry! Please forgive me! Help me! I do not want to feel this way! Father God, I want to forgive the people that have hurt me and offended me! In Jesus Name! I release them into your hands! I ask you to forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing!

Father God, I ask you to fill me to overflowing with your Holy Spirit! I ask for my life to produce and to bear fruit that will last! The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, goodness, kindness, gentleness, self control and patience. Father God, thank you for loving me and forgiving me! Thank you for saving and delivering me! Thank you for filling me with your Holy Spirit! Thank you for removing all sin and guilt and condemnation! Father God, I surrender to your will and purpose for my life! Use my life to make a difference! Write a beautiful love story with the rest of my life! I choose to lose my life for your sake! I choose to deny myself and pick up my cross and follow you! Father God, Here am I! Send me! I will go! I choose to lay down my life and follow you! In Jesus name! Amen and Amen!

**Our Confession:**

We need to tell satan it is over.

**PLEASE PRAY THIS PRAYER ALOUD!**

I am finished.

I have no life.

I am dead.

You are threatening a dead man.

It matters little if this dead man does not have the victory, does not have peace or faith - he is finished.

“I” am not trying to have the victory any more.

“I” am not trying to have faith any more.

“I” am dead.

My opinions do not mean anything any more.

Nothing that I feel, nothing that I can do means anything any more.

I am dead and I am not listening to the cries that come from me any more.

I will recognize myself dead and incapable of dealing with this problem.

I don't care if “I” never gets the victory or have faith.

There is no good thing in me when I am dead.

I refuse to lift myself up by my bootstraps and try to have victory.

I am crucified with Christ...and Christ lives in me and the life that I am going to be living from now on is by His life of faith and hope.

Satan, you are trying to draw attention to a dead man and now I see it.

Satan, you want me to live by “me” and the “me” is dead.

It is over for you...I am dead.

I am not going to give my self-life mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to keep it alive.

“I” am not going to lift the casket lid to see how the dead man is doing.

I am not going to ask him how he feels or if he has the victory...he is finished.

He is dead, and a dead person has nothing to do in this life except to be buried.

Today I am recognizing what Jesus did with my self-life; He crucified it over 2000 years ago.

I am not trying to die...I am already dead.

I refuse to live any longer by the facts of my sense-life;

I am living by the fact of what Jesus did on the cross:

He provides me with the ability to put myself to death and provides for me to sit with him in heavenly places IN Christ Jesus.

I will stay here until Jesus decides what he wants me to do in the situation.

He is the Lord of all. He is the potter and I am just the "clay."

Hallelujah!