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While we are not going to be perfect, we do need to be following Christ's example. He called it picking up our cross:

Matthew 16:24-26

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²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Follow Him, this will be different for each person. It falls back on the gifts or talents given to us by God. Then we use them to lead others to Christ. Remember if we want to save our lives we must be ready to lose it. Jesus tells us this so we can be one of his servants.

So pick up your cross in your own way. Some preach, others are prayer warriors, other servants, other teachers. We use these talents to further Jesus' kingdom. Remember the great commission:

Matthew 28:19-20

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¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and

teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Why? Why do we focus so much on salvation and our new life? W will cover this tomorrow.

Picking up my cross,

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