

The Christian's Life: Never Denying & Always Denying (Luke 9:23)
ἀρνέομαι (*arneomai*) – deny; disown, renounce; refuse – 33x in 30 verses

NEVER: Seven Denials that Should Never Be Part of Our Lives

1. Denying the _____ of Jesus

Acts 3:13-14 "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied (x) in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. ¹⁴ "But you denied (x) the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, (cf. Acts 4:16; 7:35)

1 John 2:22-23 Who is a liar but he who denies (~) that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies (~) the Father and the Son. ²³ Whoever denies (~) the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

Jude 1:4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny (~) the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Denying the _____ of Jesus

2 Pet 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying (~) the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction.

3. Denying Jesus Before _____

a. Results in Denial Before the Father

Matt 10:33 "But whoever denies (x) Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

b. Results in Denial Before the Angels

Luke 12:9 "But he who denies (x) Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

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John 13:38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

John 18:25-27 Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?" He denied (x) *it* and said, "I am not!" ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of *him* whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" ²⁷ Peter then denied (x) again; and immediately a rooster crowed. (cf. Mt 26:69-75; Mk 14:66-72; Lu 22:54-61)

2 Tim 2:11-13 *This is a faithful saying:* For if we died with *Him*, We shall also live with *Him*. ¹² If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us. ¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

4. Denying the _____ by Failing to _____ One's Family

1 Tim. 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied (→) the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

5. Denying the _____ of God

2 Tim 3:5 having a form of godliness but denying (→) its power. And from such people turn away!

6. Denying God by Our _____

Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny (~) *Him*, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

7. Denying Jesus' Name in the Face of _____

Rev 2:13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne *is*. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

Rev 3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied (x) My name.

ALWAYS: Four Ways We Are to Practice Denial as Christians

1. Denying Myself to be the _____

John 1:20 He confessed, and did not deny (x), but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

2. Denying _____ to Follow Jesus

Luke 9:23 Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny (x!) himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

3. Denying _____ and Worldly _____

Titus 2:12 teaching (~) us that, denying (x) ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live (x) soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

4. Denying _____ Gain for _____ Gain

Heb 11:24-26 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused (x) to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.