

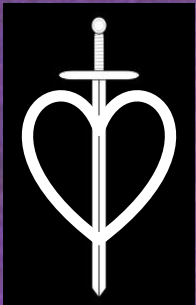
Overcoming  
Obstacles To  
Become  
Like  
Christ



*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matt 11:28-30*

*“The main obstacle to love for God  
is service for God.”*

(Henri Nouwen)





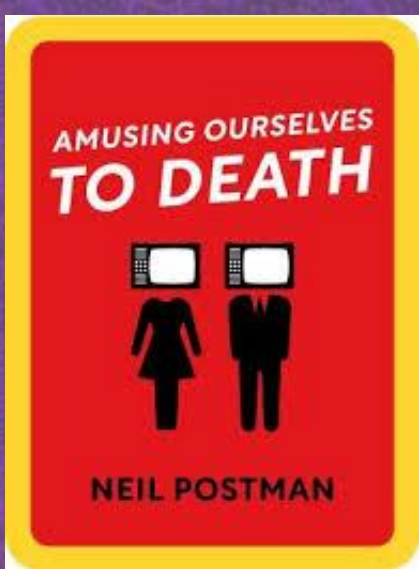
*Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm. Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.*

Proverbs 4:25-27



*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 12:2



*Americans no longer talk to each other, they entertain each other. They do not exchange ideas, they exchange images. They do not argue with propositions; they argue with good looks, celebrities and commercials...Our politics, religion, news, athletics, education and commerce have been transformed into congenial adjuncts of show business, largely without protest or even much popular notice.*

*I think that poses a very serious problem, because religion- and Christianity in particular-is a demanding discipline. And although there is joy and exultation that results from religious experience, when we present religion as nothing different from a Broadway show, I think it trivializes and corrupts the religious experience. The result is that we are a people on the verge of amusing ourselves to death. – Neil Postman*

*Whoever claims to  
live in Him  
must walk  
as Jesus did.*

1 John 2:6



Cruciformity is a way of life that reflects Jesus' self-giving love, humility, and suffering, as reflected by the cross. In essence, cruciformity means embodying the values of Christ's crucifixion—sacrificial love, obedience to God, humility, and suffering for the sake of others.

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

*Galatians 2:20*

# Why Become More Like Christ?

- To thank Jesus for suffering, dying and being raised from the dead that we may live with Him forever
- To love Jesus because you are trusting in and obeying the Word of God
- More Fruit – Jesus changes lives, the more we become like Jesus the more lives will be changed