

## **“Solid Rock or Stumbling Block?”**

### **Matthew 16:21-28**

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#### I. *The Mindset of a Disciple* (16:21-27)

- A. Discipleship demands **self-denial** (16:24a).
  
- B. Discipleship demands **suffering** for the sake of Christ. (16:24b)
  
- C. Discipleship demands **stamina**. (16:24c)

#### II. *Three Motivations for every Disciple* (16:25-27)

- A. Following Christ brings **wholeness**. (16:25)
  
- B. Following Christ brings **security**. (16:26)
  
- C. Following Christ brings great **reward** . (16:27)

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Your responsibility by God's enabling is to consistently apply the divine principles and truth you've heard (Phil. 2:12-20, 1 Tim. 4:7-9, James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?