

WORD OF THE WEEK

The Subject: Self Denial

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deny - aparneomai - To contradict, disown, to confirm that one has no connection with a person

Luke 14:27 - And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

disciple - mathetes - a learner, pupil

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