

## Choice

“If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Deciding what is right and fair  
Can cruelly oft confound us.  
We wish to serve, but do we dare  
Forsake the comfort 'round us?  
To follow Jesus takes resolve,  
Drive, and determination  
That more than empty faith involve  
But selfless dedication.

In choosing to come after Christ  
We really must recall  
That Sunday mornings won't suffice,  
That we must offer *all*.  
Denying self is part of Lent;  
As we may fast and ponder,  
We ask forgiveness and repent.  
God's mercy do not squander.

Our selfish pleasures on life's way  
Are but fools' paradise.  
We need to hear and to obey  
Christ's call to sacrifice.  
Lord, search our hearts and in them find  
A will to hear Christ's voice  
So we can leave ourselves behind  
To make that selfless choice. Patti Miller

