Every believer faces the challenge of dying to self, not only in travel situations but also in many other areas of life. Consider the following steps to die to self, no matter what you do or where you go.

- Set aside time to read through each of the Gospels and notice the many times that Jesus ministered to others while He was traveling from one place to another (for example, traveling through Samaria, or to the other side of the lake, or to Jairus' house). Since He is our example, we learn that we are not to delay serving others until we reach our destination but, instead, we are to serve both before and during the journey.

- Memorize verses that emphasize dying to self and, correspondingly, being a blessing to others (such as Matthew 7:12 and Philippians 2:3-4 quoted earlier).

- Pray daily that the Lord would help you recognize situations in which you can die to self in order to bless others. These situations can be as simple as opening a door for others, helping lift a heavy load, picking up and returning a fallen or lost item, allowing others to board transportation ahead of you, greeting others cheerfully, or handing a Gospel tract to someone whom the Lord places in your path. Of course, if you fail to respond lovingly and, thus, neglect dying to self, you can confess your failure to the Lord and receive His forgiveness (1 John 1:9, If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness). After confessing your sin of self-centeredness to the Lord, return joyfully to obeying His Word, dying to self, and loving others.

- Plan your day’s responsibilities in advance and make an effort to begin traveling a few minutes earlier than necessary. Having a few extra minutes can give you the needed time to be a blessing to others.

- Thank God at the end of each day for giving you opportunities to die to self and bless others. Set aside time to pray for those who received the benefits of your words and actions.

Better planning and time management can enhance one’s dying to self and being a blessing to others. Yet, without a servant’s heart and perspective, a believer will not die to self as a way of life. Pray diligently for the Lord to help you and fellow believers follow Christ in sacrificial service to others whenever possible. Whether the service is small or large, praise and honor will go to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.