COLOSSIANS

"So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects...."

COLOSSIANS 3:16-17

God's Guidance for living a life worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects...

Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you!

Live a "Well-Versed" Life!

Practical Principles

For Walking in a Manner Worthy of the Lord, to Please Him in All respects...Col. 3:1-4:6

- 1. Heavenly Perspective, 3:1-4.
- 2. Holy Practice, 3:5-11.
- 3. Healthy Relationships, 3:12-17.

HOW DO YOU "LET THE WORD OF CHRIST RICHLY DWELL WITHIN YOU???

- Read it!!!
- Study it!!!
- Meditate on it!!!
- Memorize it!!!
- Know what it meant in its original culture!!!
- Know how that applies in our culture!!!

HOW DO YOU "LET THE WORD OF CHRIST RICHLY DWELL WITHIN YOU???

Adopt and Accept The Biblical Worldview!!!

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

- The Existence, Sovereignty, and Goodness of God!
- Creation, as the act and product of God!
- The value of man, bearing the image of God!
- The fallenness of man, apart from and until the saving grace of God changes him!
- The accuracy and sufficiency of the Scriptures!

There ARE moral absolutes!

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

- "Home" (Marriage & family), Church, and State were created by God.
- The necessity and exclusivity of Salvation by Faith in Jesus Christ.
- There is "life" after our life in this world, where we will live for eternity.

HOW DO YOU "LET THE WORD OF CHRIST RICHLY DWELL WITHIN YOU???

- Adopt and Accept The Biblical Worldview!!!
- Live it!

WHY DO YOU "LET THE WORD OF CHRIST RICHLY DWELL WITHIN YOU???

- So you can live in wisdom!
- So you can serve others!
 Speaking to One Another....
- So you can worship well!
 - "singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God"

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Our worship has both A horizontal And a vertical Focus! AT THE SAME TIME!!! **BOTH ARE IMPORTANT!!!**

Paul continues that "dual perspective" in his concluding command in v. 17!

The Closing Command, Col. 3:17

- The Statement of the Command!
- The Extent of the Command!
 - ✓ "Whatever you do...."
 - ✓ "...ALL..."
- The Categories of the Command
 - ✓ "In Word"
 - ✓ "In Deed"

The Closing Command, Col. 3:17

- The Content of the Command..."Do all...in the name of the Lord Jesus."
 - His "Name" represents His Person and His Work
 - ✓ We are saved by believing in His Name!
 - ✓ We are called by His Name!
 - ✓ We are those who "name the Name of the Lord"

The Closing Command, Col. 3:17

- The Content of the Command..."Do all...in the name of the Lord Jesus."
 - His "Name" represents His Person and His Work
 - ✓ We represent Him when we do things in His Name!
 - ✓ We are His Ambassadors!!

SO...doing everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus, means...

- We do it as HIS ambassadors and representatives!
- We do it as HE, Himself would do it.
- We do it FOR Him, and for His glory, not for ourselves!

Consider other, similar passages...

In Colossians 3, we have seen 3 "paragraphs." Notice how each one ends!

- 1. Heavenly Perspective, 3:1-4. **CHRIST!!**
- 2. Holy Practice, 3:5-11. CHRIST!!
- 3. Healthy Relationships, 3:12-17. Lord Jesus!!
 - "...so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything" Col. 1:18



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