

Colossians 3

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I. Introduction.

II. Paul admonishes his readers to actively seek God.

A. God says that we will find Him if we seek Him.

B. Christ is our life - we have been made alive in Him.

III. Things to put off and on.

A. Immorality to put off: moral uncleanness, immoral passion, evil desires and covetousness.

B. Things to put on:

1. A compassionate heart.

2. Kindness.

3. Lowliness.

4. Meekness.

C. Paul is concerned with the corporate life of the church - that they would get along with each other.

IV. The Word of Christ is to dwell richly in the believers. (Colossians 3:16)

A. Corporately the Bible must be the guide of the church in faith and practice.

1. In materials.

2. In planning sessions.

B. Individually the Bible must be a part of the life.

1. Getting in the Word is a matter of dedication and resolve.

2. We should hear, read, study, memorize then meditate on the Word of God but not all at once.

3. God gave everything for guidance a man needs in the Bible. (Psalm 1)

4. The key to letting God's Word dwell richly is approaching it as food for your spiritual life in application and obedience.

5. You have to think through your priorities to make God's Word central.

V. Instruction for the household.

Application questions

1. What does the man look like that has Christ as his life?

2. What are the different ways a person can get into God's Word?

3. What does your involvement in the Word look like? What might you plan to do differently this week to keep it fresh or start it up?
