

Fake It Till You Make It?
Colossians 3:16-17

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I. CAUSE for CONCERN in COLOSSE

- A. Apostle Paul wrote Colossians along with Ephesians and Philippians in around _____ during his first imprisonment.
- B. Paul was concerned that the believers in Colosse would be deceived by _____.
- C. Gnosticism taught that Jesus Christ was _____ to God, somewhere in the hierarchy of _____, and that the _____ world including one's body was inherently sinful.
- D. Gnosticism promoted a mystical, spiritual _____ by which a person could transcend their evil physical bodies and become morally pure.

II. THE CURE

- A. The remedy for sin is not found in self-effort, but by going back to _____ is, who you are in him, and how He can live out His life in and through us. Galatians 2:20

*Ephesians = YOU in _____ Colossians = CHRIST in _____

- B. Those who _____ in keeping with the Spirit set their _____ on the things of the Spirit. Romans 8:5

**Where the mind goes, the body follows*

1. The authentic Christian life is designed to be a daily, _____, vertical _____ with God based on your identification with Jesus Christ, motivated primarily by his love, and provided totally by his grace and power. . .

- C. When you are enjoying your relationship with Jesus Christ and relating to him, you can _____ temptation and _____ yourselves dead to its power. Rom. 6:11

*What is active dependence and passive production? - John 15

III. The COST of NOT CONCENTRATING on CHRIST
If the word of Christ does not dwell in you:

- You will operate in _____ resulting in failure. Rom. 7:15

- You will _____ in the _____, fulfilling the desires of the flesh. Rom 8:6
- You will live in _____ & _____ about what we can't control. 2 Tim. 1:7
- You will gauge _____ by whether our will is done. James 4:2-3
- You will hope in man, bringing _____ and heartache. Jer. 17:5
- You will reap _____ or rottenness. Gal. 6:8
- You will remain _____ to the evil, self-absorbed world. Rom 12:1
- You will glorify _____, not God. Phil. 2:21
- You will _____ ungodliness and deceive ourselves. Jer. 17:9

Ecclesiastes 1:15a "What is crooked cannot be straightened!"

IV. THE COMMAND

- A. You are commanded to consistently and actively allow the word of Christ to dwell, reside or _____ in you. 3:16a
- B. The word of Christ needs to dwell in you "richly" or _____ in all wisdom, or "knowledge _____." 3:16b
- C. The _____ believer is the _____ believer. Col. 3:16, Eph. 5:18-20

RESULTING IN:

1. _____ one another truth from God's Word. 3:16c
2. _____ one another: making mindful, warning, pointing others to Christ in music. 3:16c
3. _____ with grace and thankfulness in your heart. 3:16c

V. THE CONCLUSION

While we desperately crave _____ over our sin nature, it can NEVER be found by focusing on our sin and the battle with our sin nature; victory is found by consistently _____ our mind on the Lord Jesus Christ and the things above by means of the _____ of Christ.