

Our Life in Christ #1

Colossians 3:1-11

How do we live our lives for Christ?

- Set your minds on the things of heaven. (vv. 1-4) **How?**
 - Understand that you have been raised to new life in Christ. (Rom. 6:4, 2 Cor 5:17, Gal. 2:20)
 - Discipline yourself to set your minds on the things of heaven. (Phil. 4:8-9)
 - Determine within yourself to share to the world this new life. (Matt. 5:13-16)
- Put to death your sinful activities. (vv. 5-9) **What are they?**
 - Abstain from all illicit sexual activity. (v. 5a) (Gen. 2:21-25, Eph.5:31-33, Matt. 19:5-6)
 - Abstain from the desire of always wanting more. (v. 5b, Matt. 6:33, Eccl 6:9, Heb. 13:5, Luke 12:15, 1 Tim. 6:6-10, Phil 4:12)
 - Abstain from the desire to hurt others. (vv. 8-9a) **Ways:**
 - Anger
 - Malicious Behavior
 - Slander
 - Dirty language (4:6, Eph. 4:29)
 - Lying to each other. (Eph. 4:25)
- Abstain from allowing your physical differences to divide the unity of God's family. (v. 11, Gal. 3:28)

Points to Ponder:

- Make sure you devote yourself more to the things of God than to the things of this earth!
- Make it your discipline to put to death those things in you that do not honor God!
- Make sure you do not allow differences with the people of God to cause division in the family of God!