



LIVE OUT GOD'S BEST FOR YOUR LIFE (PART 2)

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Most of us don't realize that God wants the best for our lives. He knows us much more than we know ourselves including what will make us "bloom" as "200% Christians": 100% filled by God's grace as He chose us, forgave us, and paid for all our sins — while doing our part 100%. He desires for us to live out His best for our lives, and to do that we must:

CHOOSE GOD'S WORD

To choose God's word is to let the word of Christ richly dwell in us (Colossians 3:16) and direct our lives. By it, God teaches and guides us in our decisions. It takes humility to listen to His word, and we have to treasure it in our hearts — through memorizing Scripture — that we may not sin against Him (Psalm 119:9-11). And just like the Israelites in Joshua 1:8, we are to meditate on it so we may obey all that is written in it and be blessed by God, keeping in mind that a blessed life does not necessarily equate to material blessing, and riches does not necessarily make for a happy life.

CHOOSE GOD'S WAYS

We make our own choices in life, but we are never free to choose their consequences (Proverbs 14:12). This is the "myth" of freedom: like how a fish still dies after choosing to live out of the water, man without God is nothing — but God without man is still God. As believers, we must please Him in whatever we do (Colossians 3:17) and always examine if our decisions glorify to God.

The true test of spirituality is Christlikeness: how do you impact your intimate, personal relationships? Colossians 3:19-23 addresses that.

Wives: submit to your husbands (Colossians 3:18-19, 1 Peter 3:1-2) as God purposefully designed both roles for the family to function best. This does not mean that you may not appeal your husband's decision and respectfully offer your opinion. Submission is not a question of superiority or inferiority: it is humbly surrendering to

God's order and best design for our families.

Husbands: love your wives (Colossians 3:19) and be leaders in the home. The Greek word for "love" used here is "agape", which is unconditional, sacrificial love, the standard by which Christ loves the church (Ephesians 5:25). You must be willing to sacrifice and choose what is best for your wife and family!

Children: obey and honor your parents (Colossians 3:20), unless they are clearly going against God's will. Those still living with their parents are to "obey", and those who are married or living on their own are to continually "honor" their parents. When we submit to authority, we stay under God's guidance and the umbrella of His protection! God can use our parents' decisions to guide us, and He can override any mistake they may make.

Fathers (and mothers): do not exasperate your children (Colossians 3:21). In Paul's time, fathers had absolute authority over their children's lives under Roman law. But here God commands parents not to exasperate their children, but to teach them God's ways (3:21, Ephesians 6:4). When you are not consistently living out God's ways at home, your children will be provoked to anger.

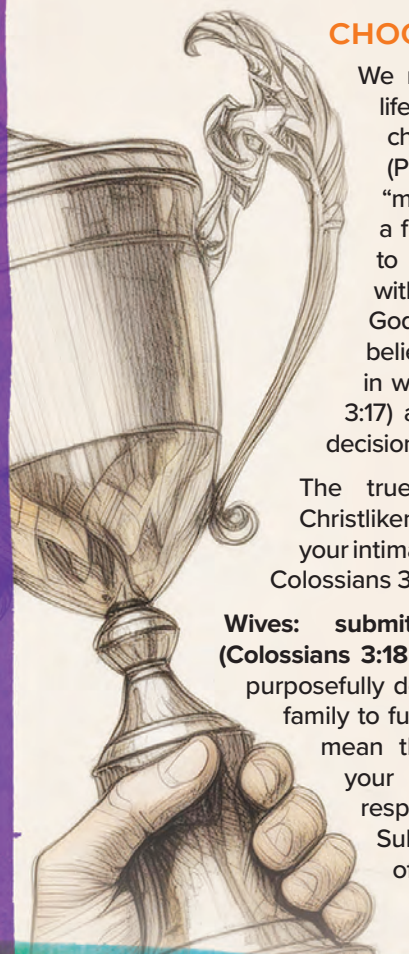
Slaves: obey your masters (Colossians 3:22-25). Almost one-third of the Roman world then were slaves. By God's grace, we no longer work as slaves, but this command applies to us as employees. Make the heavenly reward from the Lord your motivation, not because your boss watches you. Work heartily, even though some bosses are not always fair. God will take care of you, so do your best because you are serving the Lord (Colossians 3:24-25).

Managers and business owners: be fair and just to your employees (Colossians 4:1).

CHOOSE GOD'S WEAPON

Billy Graham once said that "prayer is the Christian's greatest weapon." We are constantly in spiritual warfare, and the Christian life is not just hard — it is impossible apart from the Lord. We are commanded to continue steadfastly in prayer (Colossians 4:2-4), and even pray for what we cannot control, like the apostle Paul when he asked the Colossians not to pray for his release but for the opportunity to share the gospel while in prison! We also ought to conduct ourselves with wisdom towards outsiders, and be gracious when we speak (Colossians 4:5-6).

May we always choose God's ways, God's word, and God's weapon and live out God's best for our lives!



last week's memory verse

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

discuss this message

What does it mean to "let the word of Christ richly dwell within you?" What does that look like in practice?

Why does Paul emphasize the importance of a harmonious family relationship? Why is it significant?

Why does Paul consider a vibrant prayer life important? How can you apply this during the prayer and fasting week?

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with Jojo Egenias

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Book 8: Survey of the Bible

ONSITE: July 14, Sunday, 1:00 PM, Room 3A

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**God brought you here
for His purpose.**

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful
life with Him in the present and gain
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps**
His covenant and His lovingkindness to
a thousandth generation with those who
love Him and keep His commandments
– Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from
God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for
us to be reconciled to Him: through His
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the
cross for our sins and be raised to life for
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more
then, having now been justified by His
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of
God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through
Me. – John 14:6*

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven of our sins and saved from
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not perish, but have
eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift
of God; not as a result of works, so that no
one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Would you like to place your faith in Jesus
Christ today?**

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I
am a sinner. I believe that You died on
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please
come into my life and be my Savior and
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal
life. Make me the kind of new person You
want me to be. Thank You for giving me
eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has
given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he
who does not have the Son of God does
not have the life. These things I have
written to you who believe in the name of
the Son of God, so that you may know that
you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13*



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