

A Life That Speaks (Colossians 3:5-4:6)

Change Your World – Part 2
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Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV) Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.

Daniel 12:3 (NIV) Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

1. Put off _____ behavior

Colossians 3:5 (NIV) Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

1A. Ungodly habits are from your _____ self

Colossians 3:7 (NIV) You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

1B. Rid yourself of ungodly _____

Colossians 3:8-9 (NIV) But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

2. Put on _____ behavior

Colossians 3:12 (NIV) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

2A. _____ those who hurt you

Colossians 3:13 (NIV) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

2B. _____ others from your heart

Colossians 3:14 (NIV) And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

2C. Do _____ for Jesus with thanksgiving

Colossians 3:17 (NIV) And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

3. _____ outsiders

3A. _____ for open doors

Colossians 4:2-3 (NIV) Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

3B. Use every _____ to share

Colossians 4:5-6 (NIV) Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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Intro. In what ways should the light of Christ in our lives be like a fire (Isaiah 62:1)?

How should a believer's life be seen as different everywhere they go?

Explain the example given in Philippians 2:14-15 of how a believer can shine like a star in our dark world.

In Hebrew parallelism, the two phrases of a sentence explain one another. What insight does Daniel 12:3 give concerning leading others to righteousness?

1A. Describe how the sins listed in Colossians 3:5 are prevalent in our society.

1B. How is it possible for the believer to put to death in their life, the sins listed in Colossians 3:5 (Colossians 3:6-7)?

1C. Why do you think ungodly speech is one of the hardest, yet most important sins to rid ourselves of (Colossians 3:8-9)?

1D. What will be the effects on unbelievers of a believer growing in obedience by putting off ungodly behavior and speech? Do you have an example?

2A. Why is it important to replace ungodly behaviors with godly behaviors in our lives (Colossians 3:12)?

2B. What ungodly sins would forgiveness eliminate if practiced quickly and completely (Colossians 3:13-14)?

2C. How would better following the commands of Colossians 3:15-17 affect how unbelievers viewed your life?

2D. As believers are not perfect, how should you handle it when you do sin when others are watching?

3A. Why is prayer important in reaching out to the lost (Colossians 4:2-4)?

3B. How can you prepare to answer the questions and comments of outsiders (Colossians 4:5-6)?

3C. Which aspects of this study do you believe that God wants you to work on in reaching out to the lost?