

LEARNING THE GOSPEL BY PASTOR EPHAPRAS

**“THEY ARE OF NO VALUE”
COLOSSIANS 2:20-23**

Colossians 2:20-23 (ESV)

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—

²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”

²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?

²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

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1. The Essence of Religion:

Isa 29:13 and Mark 7:7 (vs.20,21)

Can We?

[Improving on what God said: Gen 2:17 “in the day you eat it” and Genesis 3:3 ...do not touch it”]

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2. The Expression of Devotion: (vs.22) “Why”

False teaching on devotion:

1. Poverty as a means of spiritual advancement
2. Materialism is not always “God’s blessings
3. Prosperity is prohibited for believers:
4. Guilt for sins never committed;

1 Corinth 6:13

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3. The Exercise of Self-Control: (vs.23)

5 The Essentials

1. EVERYDAY in the Word: Hebrews 4:12
2. EVERYDAY in prayer: 1 Thessalonians 5:17
3. EVERYDAY give out the Gospel: (Life, literature, living) Rom 1:16
4. EVERYDAY opportunity Give: 2 Corinth 8:3
5. EVERYDAY Serve someone in Jesus' Name: Malachi 3:18

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