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# Philemon 1:23-25

<sup>23</sup>Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings, and so do <sup>24</sup>Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my coworkers.

<sup>25</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.



# Colossians 4:12-14

<sup>12</sup>Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. He is always wrestling for you in his prayers, so that you can stand mature and fully assured in everything God wills. <sup>13</sup>For I testify about him that he works hard for you, for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup>Luke, the dearly loved physician, and Demas send you greetings.





## 2 Timothy 4:9-11

<sup>9</sup>Make every effort to come to me soon,  
<sup>10</sup>because Demas has deserted me, since he loved this present world, and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you, for he is useful to me in the ministry.



# Colossians 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.





# Colossians 3:1-17

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, God's wrath is coming upon the disobedient, <sup>7</sup>and you once walked in these things when you were living in them.



# Colossians 3:1-17

<sup>8</sup> But now, put away all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth.

<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self. You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator. <sup>11</sup>In Christ there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.





# Colossians 3:1-17

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive.

<sup>14</sup>Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful.





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<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



# Put...

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# 1 John 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For everything in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's possessions - is not from the Father, but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.



# Temporary vs Eternal

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# Acts 15:36-40

<sup>36</sup>After some time had passed, Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit the brothers and sisters in every town where we have preached the word of the Lord and see how they're doing." <sup>37</sup>Barnabas wanted to take along John who was called Mark. <sup>38</sup>**But Paul insisted that they should not take along this man who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone on with them to the work.**





# Acts 15:36-40

<sup>39</sup>They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed off to Cyprus. <sup>40</sup>But Paul chose Silas and departed, after being commended by the brothers and sisters to the grace of the Lord.



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