

“Seeking Things Above”

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Colossians 3:1-4

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Introduction:

- A. One of the first words a child learns is “_____.”
- B. Unfortunately, many people never grow _____ or _____ grow that mindset.
- C. Disciples of Jesus have a new life in Christ and that new life has a different _____ and has different _____ obligations.

I. Seek the _____ (Col. 3:1-4)

- A. Paul begins with two commands and then gives the _____ for the commands.
- B. Paul wasn’t telling us to be so heavenly minded that we are of no _____.
- C. We should focus on _____ and realize that our attitudes, ambitions, and our whole outlook should be _____ by Jesus.
- D. The reason we should seek the heavenly is because we have _____ and our life is now _____ in Christ.
- E. We no longer belong to the _____ or to _____, we belong to _____.
- F. Our new reality as Christians: the past (we _____), the present (we are _____ in Christ), and the future (we will appear with Him in _____).

II. Slay the _____ (Col. 3:5-11)

- A. The command to “put to _____” is a very _____ one.
- B. Jesus used similar harshness, “If your _____ causes you to sin, _____ it out.” (Mt. 5:29)
- C. When we look at the first list of things to slay in verse 5, we are reminded of the fact that not much _____ over the _____.
- D. Sexual immorality is the general Greek word for _____ sex - sex _____ marriage and _____ of marriage.
- E. Impurity is _____ in thought, word, or action.
- F. Lust is _____ desire for sex.
- G. Evil desires could be _____ in nature or other base evil desires.
- H. Greed is the sin of always _____.
- I. Greed turns desires into _____.
- J. These attitudes and actions have no place in the life of a Christian for two reasons:
 - 1. They incur the _____ of God—God is holy and sin must be _____.
 - 2. These sins characterize a _____, _____ life.
- K. In verse 8, Paul began a second list of things that needed to be “_____ away” or “_____ yourselves of.”
- L. These things are various manifestations of _____ that destroy _____.
- M. The reason these things must be put off is because they were part of our _____ selves, but Christians must put on their _____ selves becoming like our Creator.
- N. Paul concluded this section discussing the new community of God’s people who put off old human and sinful _____ that keep people _____.

Conclusion:

- A. Being a Christian calls for _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. mine. B. up, out. C. perspective, moral. I. Heavenly. I.A. reasons. I.B. earthly, good. I.C. Christ, molded. I.D. died, hidden. I.E. world, ourselves, Christ. I.F. died, hidden, glory. II. Earthly. II.A. death, strong. II.B. eye, gouge. II.C. changes, years. II.D. illicit, before, outside. II.E. uncleanness. II.F. uncontrolled. II.G. sexual. II.H. wanting, more. II.I. idols. II.J.1. wrath, judged. II.J.2. worldly, sinful. II.K. put, rid. II.L. anger, relationships. II.M. old, new. II.N. divisions, divided. Concl.A. big, change.