



LIVING IT OUT

SEE TO IT PART 1

TAKING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN YOUR WALK WITH CHRIST

COLOSSIANS 2:8

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.”

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HEAD QUESTIONS:

- What is the apostle Paul telling the Colossian church to watch out for or to be on the lookout for?
- What does the apostle Paul mean by the phrase, “take you captive?”
- Read and discuss **1 Timothy 6:3-5** and **2 Timothy 4:3-4** and compare it with **Colossians 2:8**.
- What does Paul mean by philosophy?
- What does Paul mean by empty deceit?
- Why do you think Paul combined both terms together? “By philosophy and empty deceit”. How do they work together and how do they work separately in taking people captive? Compare **1 Timothy 6:20**, **Acts 20:29-30**, and **Jude 1:3b-4**. What further insight to you see from these verses?
- What does Paul mean by human tradition? What forms of human tradition do you see in the church in Paul’s day and our day?
- What does Paul mean by elemental spirits of the world? Read and discuss **Colossians 2:20-23** for greater insight.

HEART QUESTIONS:

- What areas of your walk with Christ do you need to take personal responsibility in?
- Read (**1 Timothy 4:7-8**). Godliness is characterized by a reverence for God through right beliefs about God. Why is it important to train yourself in godliness?
- Philosophy can be defined as a belief system or a world view that is accepted as authoritative by a group or school of thought. Empty deceit can be defined as empty-handed deception that causes someone to believe untruth. Have you ever been taken captive by philosophy and empty deceit?
- Human tradition elevates tradition above the place of Christ. Human tradition puts more emphasis on tradition than Christ’s mission. How do you know if you are taken captive by man-made tradition? Have you ever been taken captive by human tradition?

HEART QUESTIONS CONTINUED:

- How do you determine the difference between good tradition and harmful tradition?
- Have you ever been led captive or been distracted by elemental spirits of the world? Using **(Colossians 2:20-23)** as a guide, which ones have you been affected or harmed by?
- Why is it important for the church to protect its members from empty, deceptive man-made philosophy and religion?
- How can you think biblically about our rapidly changing world?
- How can you better navigate your walk with Christ and stay focused on His mission in this rapidly changing world?

HAND QUESTIONS:

Action Steps: List three things I can begin today that will help me to live this out.

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2. _____
3. _____

What does God want me to know?
