

CROSS CHURCH



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**SET THE TONE
STAND ALONE
SERMON**

TONE– The general character or attitude of a place, piece of writing, situation, etc.

In the book of Colossians Paul is teaching the church the type of tone we should be setting with our lives. Our home is the first place we should be displaying the character of Christ.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 *Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

- **Proper tone brings vision and direction.**

PROVERBS 29:18 *Where there is no vision, the people perish...*

Does your family know what your spiritual convictions?

COLOSSIANS 3:18-21 *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.*

- **Set a tone of encouragement.**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 *Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

MATTHEW 12:35 *A good man's speech reveals the rich treasures within him. An evil-hearted man is filled with venom, and his speech reveals it.*

- **Set a tone of serving instead of selfishness.**

MATTHEW 20:28 *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

