

Roots & Fruits

HEALTHY ROOTS – HEALTHY FRUITS

PRINCIPLE: Spiritual rebirth implies a

Jesus said:

"By their fruits you will recognize them." Matthew 7:16, 20

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FLASH FORWARD FOCUS	
	& our new life is now in God.
• Set your	on things above – /
2 Set your	on things above –
UNITED WITH CHRIST BY FAITH ◆ Crucified with Christ ◆ Died with Christ ◆ Buried with Christ ↑ Resurrected with Christ	
CHALLENGE:	what you already are.

PUT OFF (PUT TO DEATH, THROW AWAY) - Colossians 3:5-11



- → Sexual immorality (Galatians. 5:19; 1 Thess 4:3; Hebrews 13:4)
- → Impurity (Matthew 5:8; Ephesians 5:5)
- → Lust (Matt 5:27-28; Rom 1:24; 2 Peter 2:4-10)
- → Evil Desires (1 Corinthians 10:6; Galatians 5:16)
- → Greed / Covetousness (1 Cor 5:11, 6:10; Eph 4:19)
- → Wrath / Anger (Matt 5:21-22; Rom 12:19; James 1:19-20)
- → Rage (Psalm 2:1-3; Revelation 11:18)
- → Malice (Matt 22:18; Romans 1:29; Ephesians 4:31)
- → Blasphemy / Slander (Mark 7:20-23; Eph 4:31)
- → Filthy Language / Vulgar Speech (Eph 5:4)
- → Lying (Exodus 20:16; John 8:32; Ephesians 6:14)

PUT ON - Colossians 3:12-14

- → Compassion (Matthew 9:36; Hebrews 10:34)
- → Kindness (1 Corinthians 13:4; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 4:32)
- → Humility (Matthew 11:29; 23:12; James 4:10)
- → Gentleness / Meekness (Matt 5:5; Galatians 5:22; Eph 4:2)
- → Patience / Longsuffering (1 Corinthians 13:4; Galatians 5:22)
- → Forbearance (Romans 3:25; 1 Corinthians 13:7; Galatians 6:2)
- → Forgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15; 18:35; Eph 4:32)
- → Love (1 Cor 13: Colossians 3:14; 1 Peter 4:8)

ATMOSPHERE OF DRESSING FOR SUCCESS (Colossians 3:15-17)

→ Let the Peace of Christ rule in your hearts through:

Gratitude
Scripture teaching

Admonishment Singing/Making Music

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

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Study in Colossians LifeGroup Questions

Prayer

Take a few moments to go around and ask how everyone's week is going. Ask the Holy Spirit to be in the midst of your study and group conversation.

My Story- Chose One

- A. Thinking back over your life, what was one article of clothing you hated and couldn't wait to get rid off? Why?
- B. Name one article of clothing you really like to put on now. Why is it a favorite?

Digging Deep

- 1) Thinking back over Sunday's message, was there any point or idea that really stood out to you?
- 2) Read Colossians 3:1-4. Discuss what it means to "set your hearts on things above" and "set your minds on things above." How often is this your tendency?
- 3) **Reread Colossians 3:1.** According to this verse, where is Jesus Christ seated right now? What do you think He's doing? (Hint: Hebrews 7:25)

Digging Deeper

4) Read Ephesians 2:1-6. According to these verses, before coming to know Jesus Christ, our spiritual condition before God is described as "disobedience," "dead in sin" and "children of wrath." But then God stepped in and "made us alive" in Christ and "raised us up" in Him. According to verse 6, where are all true believers SEATED RIGHT NOW and why is that important?

5) Read Colossians 3:5-11. These verses command us to PUT OFF (or PUT TO DEATH) certain things in our life. Have various people in your group paraphrase the meaning of the following vices that all Christ-followers are to PUT OFF (or PUT TO DEATH). Why is it important that we rid ourselves of these attitudes and behaviors?

→ Sexual immorality

→ Impurity

→ Lust

→ Evil desires

→ Greed / Covetousness

→ Wrath / Anger

→ Rage

→ Malice

→ Blasphemy / Slander

→ Filthy language

→ Lying

6) Read Colossians 3:12-14. Now for the good stuff! These verses contain Christ-like virtues that all Christ-followers are commanded to PUT ON (like an article of clothing). Have various people in your group paraphrase the meaning of the following virtues we are to PUT ON. Why is it important that we add such attitudes and behaviors to our lives?

→ Compassion

→ Kindness

→ Humility

→ Gentleness

→ Patience / Longsuffering

→ Forbearance

→ Forgiveness

→ Love

Taking it Home

- 7) On Sunday, our pastor challenged us to identify one attitude or behavior in our life that we need to PUT OFF (or PUT TO DEATH) with the Holy Spirit's help. We were even challenged to throw this identified vice in the SIN BIN at church. Have you done that? Invite a couple brave souls to share something they would like PUT TO DEATH in their life.
- 8) We were also challenged on Sunday to PUT ON new Christ-like virtues. Have a few people share what virtues the Lord is leading them to PUT ON. Stop and pray that God will help these people grow in the areas they mentioned.

Praying Together

Have LifeGroup members share any needs they want prayed over. Ask God to help each of us PUT OFF sinful behavior and PUT ON attitudes and actions which honor our Lord.