



**A Better Way to Go to Church  
Colossians 3:16-17**

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**To get the best in church, invest in church!**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:16

**Living Out (my obedience):**

**One way I will invest in church is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Heavenly Father, I want to be invested in the church that Jesus is building. Strengthen me and show me how I can best invest in myself, my brothers and sisters in Christ, and in my worship of You when in church. In Jesus’ Name. Amen*

**Word Nerd (good stuff that didn’t make it into the message):**

- In verse 16, the church is instructed to “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” The words “Let... dwell in” here is the single Greek word **ἐνοικέω (enoikeo)**, where the nominal (i.e. noun) form of the root **οικος (oikos)** is the word for “house.” The idea of this verb is not the idea of stopping by a house, as in the case of a visit, but to take up permanent residence there, to make the house a home. When we allow Christ’s message to make a home in us, the Holy Spirit uniquely transforms each one into the likeness of Christ, much like the furnishings of our home reflect us!
- Another significant point about the Greek verb referenced above is that it is in the Greek present imperative, which refers to an action that is to be obeyed repeatedly, much like the activities of living in a home are repeated, such as eating, cleaning, and sleeping.

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