## "Living Beyond Expectations" Part III Colossians 3:18-4:1

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|    | to, and when no one expects us to).   |                              |                          |  |
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| 3. | 3. These instructions were not intended, and S  |                              | ,                        |  |
|    | commands that over  | ride all other rev           | elations of              |  |
|    | <sup>16</sup> There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him:   |                              |                          |  |
|    | <sup>17</sup> haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, |                              |                          |  |
|    | <sup>19</sup> a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers. (Prov. 6:16-19)   |                              |                          |  |
|    | <sup>21</sup> "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  |                              |                          |  |
|    | <sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the  |                              |                          |  |
|    | peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.  |                              |                          |  |
|    | <sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs, <sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters, and rig   |                              | •                        |  |
| 4. | 4. You can't  |                              |                          |  |
|    | • "as is fitting in the Lord".  | "as is fitting in the Lord". |                          |  |
|    | • someone else's  | "as is fitting               | g in the Lord".          |  |
|    | • to sin '  | 'as is fitting in tl         | he Lord".                |  |

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given him." (James 1:5)

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- 1. This passage is a call to "<u>submit</u>" to others in <u>love</u> (even when we don't have to, and when no one expects us to).
- 2. These were <u>summary</u> instructions, illustrating how the gospel should always <u>override</u> <u>social</u> norms.
- 3. These instructions were not intended, and SHOULD NEVER BE seen, as <u>absolute</u> commands that override all other revelations of God's will.

## 4. You can't ...

- Sin "as is fitting in the Lord".
- Enable someone else's sin "as is fitting in the Lord".
- Subject others to sin "as is fitting in the Lord".

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