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“To do everything we do in the name of Jesus is to act consistently with whatever He said and whatever He did .”

The Gnostics were out of balance in believing that whatever you knew was more important than whatever you do.

How do you maintain a balance between what you know and what you do?

The balance is found in seeking and setting your affections on the things above.

For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. Colossians 3:1-2

Our affections can either become a crown or a curse.

When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3:4

The balance is found in taking off the old self and put on the new self.

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him. Colossians 3:9-10

Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. Colossians 3:5

For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. Colossians 3:6-7

But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Colossians 3:8

Dysfunction breeds Dysfunction that breeds Normality

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

A renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all. Colossians 3:11

The balance is found in bearing and forgiving one another.

Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Colossians 3:13

Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Colossians 3:14

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Colossians 3:15

Sometimes the peace of Christ comes after strong debate with the things our heart wants.

The balance is found when we let the word of Christ dwell in us.

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

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The balance is found when we treat our family with respect.

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands love your wives and do not be embittered against them. Colossians 3:18-19

Children be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. Fathers do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart. Colossians 3:20-21

The balance is found when we seek to please God rather than man.

Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Colossians 3:22

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. Colossians 3:23