

Shed a Worldly Mindset

Colossians 3:5-11

A. Given a heavenly preoccupation, which is right for you... (3:1-4)

3:5 - "Therefore..."

- Recall the two instructions in Colossians 3:1-4, "seek..."
"set your mind..."
- You are ready for Colossians 3:5-11 when you've solidified a heavenly preoccupation because you believe what God says about your identity in Christ.

B. Kill what deserves to be killed (3:5-7)

1) What does this instruction mean? (3:5)

- "put to death"
- "members on the earth"
- Observations about the list of sins in verse 5:
 - "fornication"
 - "uncleanness"
 - "passion"
 - "evil desire"
 - "covetousness"
 - What is covetousness equated to?
 - What do all these sins have in common?

2) Why should a believer do this? (3:6-7)

- What does selfishness merit?
- Who is at risk of suffering under God's wrath?
- What is the basis of the appeal for believers?

C. Take off what doesn't fit (3:8-11)

1) What does this instruction mean? (3:8)

- “put off”
 - Observations about the list of sins in verse 8:
 - “anger”
 - “wrath”
 - “malice”
 - “blasphemy”
 - “filthy language”
 - What do these things ignore?

2) Why should a believer do this? (3:9-11)

- What has every believer put off?
- What has every believer put on?
- Who is the believer's new identity modeled after?
- What is the key defining trait of the believer's new identity?

** How have you tried to justify earthly thinking?*