



## COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:18 || EP. 6 WATCHFUL, WISE, FAITHFUL

The life that is rooted in Christ is lived out in the ordinary places of life. Because everything we do belongs under the name of Jesus, His lordship shapes our homes, our work, our prayers, our witness, and our perseverance. As the word of Christ dwells in us richly, love leads the way, grace shapes our speech, and faithfulness shows up in everyday life.

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### 1. WHATEVER YOU DO

#### Colossians 3:17

- “Whatever you do...”
- Word + deed
- Every corner of life belongs under Jesus’ name
- The Word shows up in ordinary life

✦ Key Idea:

The life that is rooted in Christ is meant to be visible in everyday life.

### 2. A NEW DIRECTION: SEEK & SET

Colossians 3:18–19 | Ephesians 5:21

#### **Wives:**

- “As is fitting in the Lord”
- Submission is under Christ’s authority
- hypotassō = willing alignment
- Not inferiority

#### **Husbands:**

- Love (agapaō)
- Self-giving, sacrificial love
- Do not be harsh / bitter

✦ Key Idea:

In a home shaped by Christ, love leads and every relationship is brought under His lordship.

### 3. AUTHORITY WITH TENDERNESS

Colossians 3:20–21

- Children obey “for this pleases the Lord”
- Fathers are warned not to provoke
- Authority is real
- But authority is accountable to Christ

✦ Key Idea:

Christlike authority does not crush. It nurtures life under the Lord.

## 4. WORK FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Colossians 3:22–24

- Not eye-service
- Not people-pleasing
- Sincerity of heart
- Fearing the Lord
- “You are serving the Lord Christ”

### **Striking Truth:**

- Bondservants are promised an inheritance
- Work is no longer just about circumstances
- Work becomes worship

### Key Idea:

When identity is rooted in Christ, work is transformed from performance for people into service to the Lord.

## 5. AUTHORITY UNDER CHRIST

Colossians 4:1

- Masters: act justly and fairly
- No human authority is absolute
- Those in authority also answer to a Master in heaven

### Key Idea:

Christ stands over everyone. Both leadership and labor are accountable to Him.

## 6. A LIFE DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Colossians 4:2–4

- Continue steadfastly in prayer
- proskartereō = persist, remain devoted
- Be watchful
- grēgoreō = awake, alert
- With thanksgiving

### **Paul asks for:**

- Open doors for the Word
- Clarity in speaking Christ

### Key Idea:

A rooted life stays awake in prayer, marked by persistence, attentiveness, gratitude, and gospel concern.

## 7. WALK IN WISDOM

Colossians 4:5

- Walk = daily conduct
- Wisdom toward outsiders
- Make the best use of the time
- Outsiders are not abstract strangers
- They are people near us who are not yet in Christ

✦ Key Idea:

The Christian walk is meant to be attentive, wise, and outward-facing.

## 8. SPEECH SEASONED WITH SALT

Colossians 4:6

- Speech should be gracious
- Always
- Seasoned with salt
- Preserving what is good
- Fitting to the moment
- Truth that is faithful and well-spoken

**Remember:**

- Your walk speaks before your mouth does
- The Word dwelling in you shapes how you answer

✦ Key Idea:

A life shaped by Christ produces speech that is gracious, fitting, and true.

## 9. REAL PEOPLE, REAL MINISTRY

Colossians 4:7–14

**Names to notice:**

- Tychicus = faithful letter carrier
- Onesimus = transformed brother
- Mark = restored after failure
- Aristarchus = fellow prisoner
- Justus = faithful comfort
- Epaphras = prayer warrior
- Luke = beloved physician
- Demas = later walked away

✦ Key Idea:

The gospel moves forward through real people with real stories, and grace is at work in all kinds of lives.

## 10. FAITHFULNESS AND ACHE

Colossians 4:14

- Luke remained faithful
- Demas later loved this present world
- Ministry brings real joy
- Ministry also brings real sorrow

✦ Key Idea:

When people fail us, Christ's supremacy still holds. Broken relationships do not undo our identity in Him.

## 11. FINISH WHAT YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN

Colossians 4:15–17

- Nympha opened her home
- Hospitality served the gospel
- Archippus is told: fulfill your ministry
- The ministry has been received "in the Lord"

✦ Key Idea:

Faithfulness means carrying through what the Lord has entrusted to you.

## 12. GRACE TO THE END

Colossians 4:18

- "Remember my chains"
- Grace be with you
- Suffering is real
- Grace sustains
- The gospel continues even in hardship

✦ Key Idea:

The Christian life finishes where it began: with grace.

## BIG PICTURE FLOW

1. Home shaped by Christ's love
2. Work offered to the Lord
3. Prayer marked by watchfulness and thanks
4. Speech shaped by grace and wisdom
5. Community carried by real people and real faithfulness
6. Grace sustaining to the end

## NEXT STEPS

We've just walked through the closing of Colossians...seeing how a life rooted in Christ shows up in everyday relationships, daily work, prayer, speech, and faithful perseverance. Paul ends this letter with real people, real circumstances, and a simple reminder: grace be with you. That's where we continue.

As you take what you've learned from Colossians into the weeks ahead, here are a few simple ways to keep going:

### 1) REVISIT COLOSSIANS SLOWLY

- Read through the letter again in one sitting.
- Notice what stands out now that didn't before.
- Pay attention to repeated words, themes, and connections.

### 2) COMPLETE ANYTHING YOU MISSED

- Return to any lessons or days you didn't finish.
- Take your time. There's no rush.
- Growth often happens when we circle back.

### 3) WRITE THE WORD

- Use the "Write the Word" pages at the end of your study or your own journal.
- Write out Colossians, a few verses at a time.
- Let the pace slow you down and help the Word settle in.

### 4) USE THE DWELL METHOD™

Continue practicing what you've learned:

- Discover what the text says
- Wonder what stands out
- Examine words and structure
- Link Scripture with Scripture
- Live in response

Try this with the Psalms we connected to Colossians, or begin with a new passage.

## 5) STAY CONNECTED IN COMMUNITY

- Share what you're learning with a friend or your Grace Group.
- Ask questions. Pray together. Encourage one another.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Our next study will take us into 1 & 2 Thessalonians, where we'll continue growing in confidence, clarity, and hope as we learn what it means to live faithfully while we wait for Christ.

## A FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Keep dwelling.

Keep returning.

Keep letting the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Because a life rooted in Him keeps growing...quietly, faithfully, day by day.