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- Ken Collier (director of the WILDS):

“We do what we do because we want what we want. We want what we want because **we think what we think** about God, ourselves and this world.”

- Dr. Rolland McCune (DBTS Professor of Theology):

“The goal of studying theology is to **LEARN to think God’s thought after Him.**”

King Solomon's Request:

- 1 Kings 3:9 Therefore **give to Your servant an understanding heart** to judge Your people, **that I may discern between good and evil.** For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?

A Christian Life is a Continual WALK in CHRIST

- Colossians 2:6 As you therefore have **received Christ Jesus the (as) Lord, so walk in Him.**

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- Colossians 3:1–4 If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² **Set your mind on things above**, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who is our life* appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

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Colossians 3:1-4

- A. In order to for us to WALK in CHRIST - we must have DIED to sin and been RAISED in New Life.**
- B. In order for us to Walk in CHRIST – we must be passionate about the things that matter most to JESUS.**
- C. In order for us to Walk in Christ, we must believe His promises and anticipate there fulfillment.**

Before I received New Life from Jesus I was

- **An Enemy of God**
- **A stranger to God's family**
- **A Slave to Sin**
- **A son of disobedience**

Now in Christ

- **A Child of God**
- **Now an adopted child**
- **A Slave of righteousness**
- **Holy and beloved**

Before I received New Life from Jesus I was

- **Without Hope in this world**
- **Hostile to God**
- **Living for earthly pleasures**
- **Destined to eternal wrath**

Now in Christ

- **The assurance of eternal life**
- **Peace with God and submitted to Him**
- **Living for things above - to please God**
- **Awaiting pleasures forevermore**

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- **When our minds are set on things above, our lives will not be dominated by temporal things!**

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Colossians 3:9–11 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all!

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- Matthew 5:29–30 If your right eye causes you to sin, **pluck it out** and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, **cut it off** and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

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- 1 Corinthians 6:18 **Flee sexual immorality.** Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins **against his own body.**
- Hebrews 13:4 Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but **fornicators and adulterers God will judge**

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- Exodus 20:17 “You shall **not covet** your neighbor’s house; you shall **not covet** your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor **anything that *is* your neighbor’s.**
- Luke 12:15 And He said to them, “Take heed and **beware of covetousness**, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.

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- Hebrews 13:5 Let your conduct *be without covetousness; be content* with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, *“I will never leave you nor forsake you..”*

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- 2 Corinthians 4:16–17 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though **our outward man is perishing**, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For **our light affliction**, which is but for a moment, **is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory.**

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- James 3:8–10 But no man can tame the tongue. *It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.* ⁹ **With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.** ¹⁰ **Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.**

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C. We must Put Off the Sin that dismantles our Church Lives.

- Colossians 3:9a **Do not lie to one another, . . .**
- Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, “Let *each one* of you *speak truth with his neighbor,*” for we are members of one another

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D. The Motivation given for Putting off the OLD LIFE.

- Colossians 3:6–7 Because of these things **the wrath of God is coming** upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves **once walked** when you lived in them. . .

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E. *The REASON we will put off the OLD LIFE.*

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