



Give Your Best

Study Verse: Colossians 3:1-24 ERV

Colossians 3: 1 - 3 You were raised from death with Christ. So live for what is in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Think only about what is up there, not what is here on earth. Your old self has died, and your new life is kept with Christ in God.

Colossians 3: 8 - 17 But now put these things out of your life: anger, losing your temper, doing or saying things to hurt others, and saying shameful things. Don't lie to each other. You have taken off those old clothes, the person you once were and the bad things you did then. Now you are wearing a new life, a life that is new every day. You are growing in your understanding of the one who made you. You are becoming more and more like him. God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So your new life should be like this: Show mercy to others. Be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Don't be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If you feel someone has wronged you, forgive them. Forgive others because the Lord forgave you. Together with these things, the most important part of your new life is to love each other. Love is what holds everything together in perfect unity. Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking. It is for peace that you were chosen to be together in one body. And always be thankful. Let the teaching of Christ live inside you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Everything you say and everything you do should be done for Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus. **Colossians 3: 23 - 24** In all the work you are given, do the best you can. Work as though you are working for the Lord, not any earthly master. Remember that you will receive your reward from the Lord, who will give you what he promised his people. Yes, you are serving Christ. He is your real Master.

My thoughts: Oh my Goodness, My toes are HURT-ING. So often I allow myself to become very frustrated with people, situations, stuff that doesn't really matter to the big picture of life. I want to pinch peoples heads off. Honestly... I expect people to live up to the same rules of my way of understanding,.. Well, Who died and made me God.. Right!!! Am I the only one that loses focus? Become distracted and frustrated by the junk in the world, rude, lazy, vulgar and self-centered people that apparently do not know about this rule. Who raised these people? Oh my.. Reel it back! Well, Lord forgive me.. Help me to be better than I am. My Mama and Daddy taught me to give 100% of my very best in everything I set out to accomplish, because my name is stamped on that accomplishment, my name is my bond, my reputation. Apparently, I understood this gave me permission to expect others to understand this rule also. I think that's called Judgement. Which is another rule that is not my place to enforce, according to God's word. Goodness, Lord.. My toes are curled as tight as I can get them.. (wink-wink) Mama was correct, God says it also, Colossians 3:23 (I'm pretty sure Mama learned that wisdom from God, She loved him so much) BUT, the lesson today is, 1. Why do we give our best? 2. Who do we do it for? It's more than the work, it is our attitude, our thoughts, actions, reactions, it is the example Jesus lived so we may be more like Him, until Heaven is our Home. I know our society is a hard place to live these days, honestly, it was no different when Jesus lived in it. If Jesus was able to live his best, then we should focus on finding His spirit strong enough to mold us to be more like Him. Let us give our best to Him so we can be our best for Him. His approval is all that matters!

Shine your light for God's glory so the whole world may see.

Until next time, May God bless, heal, protect, and grow within you daily. Everyone say,
AMEN