

## New Year's Life Resolutions

Colossians 3:1-16
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- <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.
- <sup>3</sup> For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.
- Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.
- <sup>6</sup> For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come,
- <sup>7</sup> and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.
- <sup>8</sup> But now you also, put them all aside:

anger,

wrath,

malice.

slander.

and abusive speech from your mouth.

- <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,
- <sup>10</sup> 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 —
- <sup>11</sup> 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.
- $^{12}\,\mathrm{And}$  so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion,

kindness,

humility,

gentleness

and patience;

- <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.
- <sup>14</sup> And beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.
- <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- <sup>16</sup> 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.

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## Scripture on Responsibility and Effort

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