

# HOW TO WIN IN THE VICTORIOUS LIFE

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## HOW TO AVOID CAPTURE

### Colossians 2

<sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with persuasive argument.

<sup>5</sup> For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit,  
rejoicing to see  
your good discipline  
and the stability of your faith in Christ.

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,  
walk in Him,

<sup>7</sup> having been firmly rooted  
*and now* being built up in Him  
and established in your faith,  
just as you were instructed,  
*and* overflowing with gratitude.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive  
through philosophy and empty deception,  
according to the tradition of men,  
according to the elementary principles of the world,  
rather than according to Christ.

<sup>9</sup> For  
in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

<sup>10</sup> and in Him you have been made complete,  
and He is the head over all rule and authority;

<sup>11</sup> and in Him you were also circumcised  
with a circumcision made without hands,  
in the removal of the body of the flesh  
by the circumcision of Christ;

<sup>12</sup> having been buried with Him in baptism,  
in which you were also raised up with Him  
through faith in the working of God,  
who raised Him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup> And

when you were dead  
in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh,  
He made you alive together with Him,  
having forgiven us all our transgressions,

<sup>14</sup> having canceled out the certificate of debt  
consisting of decrees against us  
*and* which was hostile to us;  
and He has taken it out of the way,  
having nailed it to the cross.

<sup>15</sup> When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities,  
He made a public display of them,  
having triumphed over them through Him.

## HOW TO WIN

<sup>16</sup> Therefore

1. R\_\_\_\_\_ who we are in Christ (2:9-15)

let no one act as your judge

in regard to food or drink

or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day--

<sup>17</sup> things which are a *mere* shadow of what is to come;

but the substance belongs to Christ. 2. Avoid l\_\_\_\_\_ influence

<sup>18</sup> Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize

by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels,

taking his stand on *visions* he has seen,

inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, 3. Avoid m\_\_\_\_\_ influence

<sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head,

from whom the entire body,

being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments,

grows with a growth which is from God.

4. Do life with Jesus + \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>20</sup> If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world,  
why,

as if you were living in the world,

do you submit yourself to decrees,

such as,

<sup>21</sup> "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!"

<sup>22</sup> (which all *refer to* things destined to perish with the using)—

in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?

<sup>23</sup> These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom

in self-made religion and self-abasement

and severe treatment of the body,

*but are* of no value against fleshly indulgence.

5. Examine m\_\_\_\_\_

**3:1** If then you have been raised up with Christ,

keep seeking the things above,

where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

<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.

6. Focus on h\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,

then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. 7. Live for His c\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. 8. F \_\_\_\_\_

<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.  
9. Develop G \_\_\_\_\_ perspective

<sup>8</sup> But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth. (F \_\_\_\_\_)

<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. 10. Practice i \_\_\_\_\_

All scripture is from the NASV. Colossians 2:4-3:11 is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and word order have not been changed.