HOW TO WIN IN THE VICTORIOUS LIFE

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Colossians 2

¹⁶ Therefore

1. Remember 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-
17 things which are a *mere* shadow of what is to come;
but the substance belongs to Christ.

2. Avoid legalistic influence

¹⁸ 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 mystical influence

¹⁹ 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 together

²⁰ 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,

²¹ "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!"

²² (which all *refer to* things destined to perish with the using)—
in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?

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5. Examine motives

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.

² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

6. Focus on heaven

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

7. Live for His coming

⁵ Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

8. Keep killing lust and greed

⁶ For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come, ⁷ and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

9. Develop God's perspective on sin

⁸ But now you also, put them all aside:

anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

10. Never act in anger

⁹ Do not lie to one another,

since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,

¹⁰ 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

¹¹ -- 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.

11. Practice integrity

¹² And so,

as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved,

put on

a heart of compassion,

kindness,

humility,

gentleness

and patience;

¹³ bearing with one another,

and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone;

just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

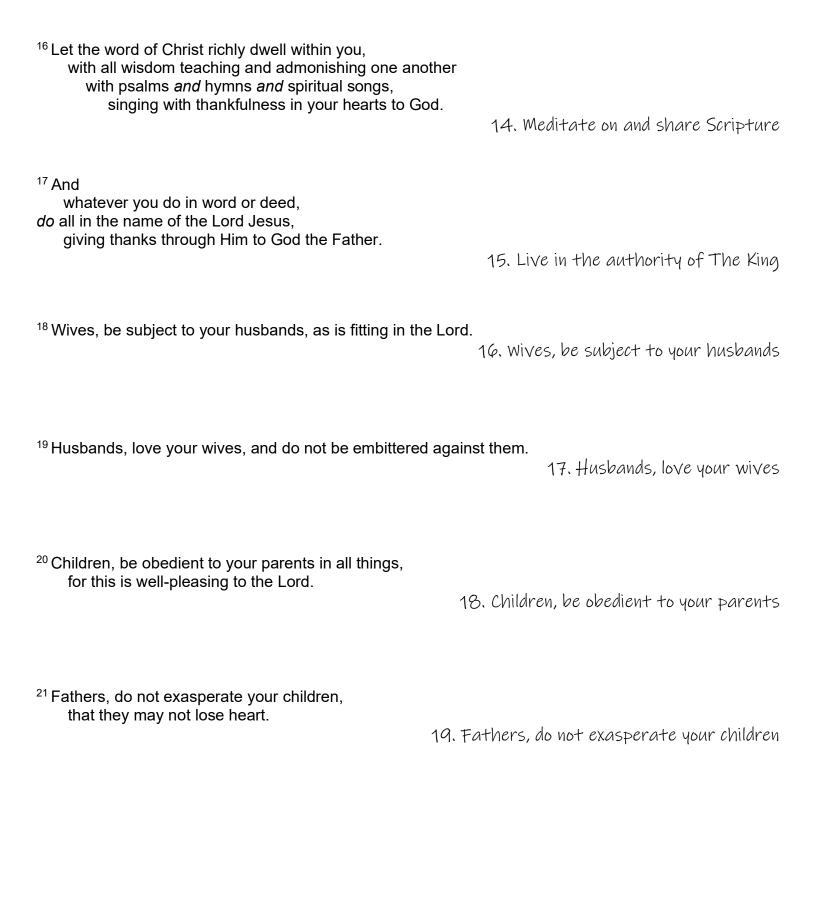
¹⁴ And beyond all these things *put on* love,

which is the perfect bond of unity.

12. Practice the virtues of love

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

13. Let our unity in Christ dominate our thoughts



All scripture is from the NASV. Colossians 2:16-3:21 is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and word order have not been changed.