

# HOW TO WIN IN THE VICTORIOUS LIFE

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## Colossians 2

<sup>16</sup> 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--  
<sup>17</sup> things which are a *mere* shadow of what is to come;  
but the substance belongs to Christ.

2. Avoid legalistic 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 mystical 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 together

<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 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.

<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 heaven

<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 coming

<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. Keep killing lust and greed

<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 God's perspective on sin

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

10. Never act in anger

<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.

11. Practice integrity

<sup>12</sup> 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.

12. Practice the virtues of love

<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.

13. Let our unity in Christ dominate our thoughts

<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.

14. Meditate on and share Scripture

<sup>17</sup> And  
whatever you do in word or deed,  
*do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

15. Live in the authority of The King

<sup>18</sup> Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

16. Wives, be subject to your husbands

<sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them.

17. Husbands, love your wives

<sup>20</sup> Children, be obedient to your parents in all things,  
for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

18. Children, be obedient to your parents

<sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not exasperate your children,  
that they may not lose heart.

19. Fathers, do not exasperate your children