



MESSAGE NOTES

Living for God

Colossians 3
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1. Not for ourselves

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

God created us to live for a much higher purpose than just ourselves. When we do things in the name of Jesus we are doing them for Him. With Jesus at the centre everything else is kept in perfect balance.

2. Not for other people

Colossians 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.

We can't please everyone all the time. Even God can't do that. It's exhausting to try and live our lives that way. It's much easier to live for an audience of One. To focus only on pleasing God. When we do that, everyone else benefits as well.

3. Not for things

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

God created us in His image. He gave us a soul and set eternity in our hearts. We are precious and valuable to Him. He will always provide for us. We don't need to live for or worry about the things of this earth.