

**Excellence:
Living a Life of Worship
Colossians 3:12-18**

Paul in the first eleven verses of Colossians 3 heralds the separation of the old man and the new man. He tells us to focus on things above in verse 1. Paul in verses 2 and 3 tells believers everywhere of their separation from the Old Man, through identification with Christ's Death, and their connection to the New Man (which is the Spirit of Christ or the Holy Spirit) through being "hidden with Christ in God". It is absolutely essential for us to understand, individually and corporately, our separation from the "Old Man" and joining with the "New Man" in order that we may live out, individually and corporately, the "New Life" in which "whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." This is a life lived individually and corporately that leads others to want Jesus, rather than choke him down like bad medicine!

Directives for a Life of Worship:

Directive #1

Be Intentional in:

Forgiveness

vs. 12

Directive #2

Be Intentional in:

Love

vs. 14

Directive #3

Be Intentional in:

Contentment

vs.15

Directive #4

Be Intentional in:

Encouragement

vs. 16

That our lives, individually and corporately, may glorify God by making much of Jesus our Savior and Portion forever, AMEN!