

Power for Godly Living Colossians 3:16-4:1

I. Word of Christ – 3:16

1. Compare with Ephesians 5:18-6:9
Similar to Colossians 3:16-4:1
Both give us source of power for living
One says submit to control of Holy Spirit
Other says submit to word of Christ
2. We need to understand Col. 3:16
“Let the word of Christ dwell in you”
“dwell” means “settle down & be at home”
Have access to every area of our life
“dwell in you richly” – fully, in abundance
“Let” allow what Christ says rule every part
3. Holy Spirit is author of all Scripture
There is perfect agreement with Christ
4. Spirit also uses Body ministry – 16
Teaching and admonishing one another
We need to be guided in all wisdom (by the Spirit)
We are to help one another apply His Word

Fearing the Lord – You are serving the Lord
Know that He will give you His reward
Lord will also repay the wrong-doer without
partiality
Masters – 4:1 – Treat servants justly & fairly
Know that you have a Master in heaven
He will evaluate you for what you have done

II. Evidence of His Power – 3:16-17

1. Spirit of Joy and Worship – 16
Joy expressed in a singing heart
That joy overflows into thanksgiving to God
2. Spirit of serving the Lord Jesus – 17
“Whatever we do or say” we do in His name
We are His representative here on earth
We act or speak in “His name”
3. We thank God for privilege of serving – 17
It is our highest calling to serve Christ

III. Areas of Practical Application – 3:18-4:1

1. In every area of daily life
Where do we spend 90% of our time
At home & work (school)
2. In every relationship of life – 3:18-4:1
In family relationships
Learning submission of our will – Eph. 5:21
Children, learning sharing with others
In Marriage – 3:18-19
Wives – Submit to husband’s leadership
Accepting this as appointed by God
Husbands - love your wife without harshness
As Christ loved the church - Eph. 5:25
In Family – 3:20-21
Children – obey your parents in everything
This pleases the Lord
Fathers – do not provoke your children
Lest they become discouraged
At work – 3:22- 4:1
Bondservants – obey in everything earthly masters
Not just when looking (eye-service)
As a people pleaser but with sincerity of heart