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Sunday, January 12, 2020

“Upgrade: A Growing Life”

(Colossians 3:1-17)

Where do you need to grow in 2020 as a believer? We all have a next step with Christ. Colossians 3 provides some key areas to consider.

1. Resolve to _____ (v. 1-2).
2. Resolve to _____ (v. 5-6).
3. Resolve to _____ (v. 12-14).
4. Resolve to _____ (v. 15).
5. Resolve to _____ (v. 16).
6. Resolve to _____ (v. 16).
7. Resolve to _____ (v. 16).
8. Resolve to _____ (v. 17).

Catalysts for Your Next Steps:

1. Admit you can't do everything _____.
2. Remove yourself from _____.
3. Get plugged into a _____.
4. Read your _____.
5. Make _____.

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“Think carefully about your ways” (Haggai 1:5, CSB).

1. Resolve to live with eternity in mind (v. 1-2).

“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things” (Colossians 3:1-2, CSB).

2. Resolve to kill sin (v. 5-6).

“Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, God’s wrath is coming upon the disobedient (v. 5-6, CSB).

3. Resolve to pursue holiness (v. 12-14).

“Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity” (Colossians 3:12-14, CSB).

“My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples” (John 15:8, CSB).

4. Resolve to be thankful (v. 15).

“And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful” (Colossians 3:15, CSB).

5. Resolve to read and meditate on the Scriptures (v. 16).

“Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you” (Colossians 3:16, CSB).

6. Resolve to commit to a local church (v. 16).

“...in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another...” (Colossians 3:16, CSB).

7. Resolve to worship God through song (v. 16).

“...Admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts” (Colossians 3:16, CSB).

8. Resolve to aim for the glory of Christ (v. 17).

“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17, CSB).

“For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:3-4, CSB).

Catalysts for Your Next Steps:

1. Admit you can’t do everything on your own.

“He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30, CSB).

2. Remove yourself from harmful relationships.

3. Get plugged into a local church and small group.

4. Read your Bible.

5. Make prayer a priority.