

Who Am I Working For?
Doing All in the Name of the Lord

^{NKJ} **Colossians 3:17** And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

^{GNT} **Colossians 3:17** καὶ πᾶν ὃ τι ἐὰν ποιῆτε ἐν λόγῳ ἢ ἐν ἔργῳ, πάντα ἐν ὀνόματι κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, εὐχαριστοῦντες τῷ θεῷ πατρὶ δι' αὐτοῦ.

Review

If then you were raised with Christ,

- Be Seeking the Above Things (Col 3:1)
- Be Thinking the Above Things (Col 3:2)
- Put to Death Sinful Motivations (Col 3:5-7)
- Put Off Sinful Actions (Col 3:8-10)
- Put On Spiritual Clothing (3:12-13)

Seven Articles of Spiritual Clothing that a Believer is Commanded to Put On

1. Put on "Tender Mercies" by Choosing to See and Feel the Needs of Others.
2. Put on "Kindness" by Choosing to Benefit Others as You Seek to Meet Their Needs.
3. Put on "Humility" by Choosing to Consider Yourself to Be a Servant to Others.
4. Put on "Meekness" by Choosing to Approach Others with Gentleness and Consideration.
5. Put on "Longsuffering" by Choosing to give People Time and Grace to Grow.
6. Put on "Bearing with One Another" by Choosing to Put Up with the Faults of Others.
7. Put on "Forgiving One Another" by Choosing to Release Others from Their Sin Debts.

Three Essential Components to Christian Maturity

1. Be Clothed with the Love of God.
2. Be Umpired by the Peace of Christ.
3. Be Immersed in Thankfulness to God.

The Word of God in Us

1. The Word of God Should Live in Us
 2. The Word of God Should Grow Us
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I. Our Motivation: Doing all in the name of Jesus.

Do - ποιέω, poieō - make, do, cause, effect, bring about, accomplish, perform, provide.

In the name of the Lord Jesus

1. Our salvation is in the Lord's name
1 Corinthians 6:11 ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the **name of the Lord Jesus** and by the Spirit of our God.
2. Our belief is in the Lord's name
1 John 5:13 ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the **name of the Son of God**, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.
3. As saints, we call on the Lord's name.
1 Corinthians 1:2 ² To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the **name of Jesus Christ** our Lord, both theirs and ours:
4. As saints, we give thanks in the Lord's name.
1 Corinthians 1:10 ¹⁰ Now I plead with you, brethren, by the **name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
(Ephesians 5:20)
5. As an assembly, we discipline in the Lord's name.
1 Corinthians 5:4 ⁴ In the **name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,
6. We live the Christian life in the Lord's name
2 Timothy 2:19 ¹⁹ Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the **name of Christ** depart from iniquity."
(1 John 3:23)
7. We should glorify the Lord's name
2 Thessalonians 1:12 ¹² that the **name of our Lord Jesus Christ** may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8. We may be reproached because of the Lord's name.

1 Peter 4:14 If you are reproached for the **name of Christ**, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

9. Paul commands in the Lord's name.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 ⁶ But we command you, brethren, in the **name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

II. Our Activities: All that we say and do.

A. Whatever we do.

Whatever - **πᾶς**, pas - entire, whole, all, everything.

B. In every word.

Word - **λόγος**, logos - something said (e.g. word; saying; message, teaching; talk, conversation).

We need to please God with our words. What kinds of things which we say will bring glory to God?

1. Words of praise.

Hebrews 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.

2. Words of thanksgiving.

Ephesians 5:4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

3. Words of prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing,

Colossians 4:2 ² Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

4. Words of encouragement.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

5. Words of truth.

Ephesians 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ -

6. Words of comfort.

1 Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. Our words need to be pleasing to the Lord. One way which we can do this is to speak in a way which encourages and builds up others.

C. In every deed.

Deed - **ἔργον**, ergon - work, deed, action; task, occupation, undertaking.

Colossians 1:10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good **work** and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the **work** of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good **works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 ¹⁸ Let them do good, that they be rich in good **works**, ready to give, willing to share, ¹⁹ storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

1 John 3:18 ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in **deed** and in truth.

III. Our Attitude: Giving thanks to God.

Giving thanks - **εὐχαριστέω**, eucharistō -thank, give thanks; be thankful, be grateful.

A. To God the Father.

Colossians 1:3 ³ We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Ephesians 5:18-21 ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God.

B. Through Jesus.

Through - **διὰ**, dia - with: (1) gen. through, by means of, with; during,

throughout, through, among, throughout;

The Christian life is not one that is lived intermittently. Paul commands that whatever we do, the things we say or the actions we work, that it needs to be done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Everything. Always. It is a high standard, but this is what we have been called to as those who have received redemption and are called God's children.