

Living a Victorious Christian Life

Colossians 3:1-17

People make all kinds of excuses why they fail. But there is no good reason for you to not live a victorious Christian life. In Colossians 3:1-17, Paul shows you how.

To live a victorious Christian life, I will...

1. Keep the right _____ in my sights.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)

1) My aim is for _____.

- That's where I'm aiming my _____.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. (Colossians 3:2, KJV)

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. (Proverbs 4:23, NLT)

- That's where I'm aiming my _____.

Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him. (Romans 12:2, CEV)

2) And by God's grace, I will _____ my target.

When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:4)

2. Eliminate what _____ me up.

let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1)

1) _____ compromise.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires... (Colossians 3:5)

2) Misplaced _____.

...and greed, which is idolatry. (Colossians 3:5)

3) Poor _____.

rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. (Colossians 3:7-10)

It makes a lot of sense to be a person of few words and to stay calm. (Proverbs 17:27, CEV)

4) Disrespecting _____.

Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. (Colossians 3:11)

3. Pursuing what _____ success.

1) Keeping my Christian _____ in mind.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved... (Colossians 3:12)

2) Putting my Christian _____ to work.

- In my _____.

clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Colossians 3:12)

- In my _____.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:13)

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Colossians 3:14)

3) Reflecting a Christian _____ in life.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 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. (Colossians 3:15-17)

I will live a victorious Christian life by keeping the right goal in my sights and avoiding what trips me up and pursuing what promotes my success. I will quit making excuses, and be victorious.