

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
Oct. 21st, 2018
Col. 3:16-17

RECAP: Last week, we looked principally at virtues that Paul summarizes as the major, defining characteristics of the Christian life. He tells us that love, and peace, and gratitude are critical parts of being a believer in Christ.

- **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,”**
 - Paul exhorts us to learn of Christ (**Col. 1:9**), but this is not just about learning, this is about it “dwelling” in you richly. How is this different?
 - Christianity is the only major religion that requires you to learn and grow in your understanding of God if you want to continue your work of being a believer.
 - We understand that learning of the Word of God isn’t just memorization of facts, or lifeless lectures. It’s living truth, that lives as a Person, God, Christ, and Holy Spirit. **John 1:1-5.**
 - Study the Word! Be zealous, seek out difficult passages and understand them, revisit basic Gospel truths and meditate on them, read and study God’s Word to you!
 - Pray that God would dwell richly in you, to take your knowledge of Him and Scripture and grow you into a better disciple of Christ because of it! **Hebrews 4:12.**

- **“teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,”**
 - You’re called to pass it on! Paul argues that you need to be teaching with it! You don’t just sit on it and keep it to yourself, you move forward with it!
 - **“teaching.”** This Greek word, “didasko,” literally means just that, to pass on your knowledge to someone else who doesn’t have it.
 - **“admonishing.”** This Greek word, “nou-the-teo,” means most woodenly “to put someone in the mind of.” Definitions of this word are “to remind, warn, exhort.”

- **“singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”**
 - Singing joyfully and with loudness and excitement to God is very Scriptural. **Psalms 150.**
 - The Greek word here is “ado,” and its used 5 times in the NT, here, **Eph. 5:18-19** and three times in Revelation to describe various creatures singing praise to the Lord.
 - Being a believer in Christ means being a worshiper. Let’s develop worship in our lives, in our hearts, not as dead outward singing, but as truly worshipful in our hearts.

- **“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”**
 - We should look at all of this information, all of these various ways of living that Paul has stated so far, and the ultimate, guiding principle should be this, “Am I doing it for Christ?”
 - John Piper wrote *Don’t Waste Your Life*, with a simple message: A wasted life is a life with little or no work that was done to glorify Christ and spread the Gospel through His Word.

- **Conclusion:**

- **Let us be people that bring glory to Christ, because ultimately nothing matters except what is done eternally.**