



# Scripture

**Colossians 3:1-17**

**Look for our event!**



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# Begin With the End in Mind

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# **7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change**

**Habit 1 – Be Proactive**

**Habit 2 – Begin With the End in Mind**

**Habit 3 – Put First Things First**

**Habit 4 – Think Win-Win**

# **7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change**

**Habit 5 – Seek First to Understand,  
Then to be Understood**

**Habit 6 – Synergize**

**Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw**

# **I. Our Identity in Christ vs. 1-4**

**A. Seek the things above**

**B. Set your mind on things above**

## **Colossians 2:13 -**

And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses.

## **1 John 2:15 -**

Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

## **Galatians 2:20 -**

I have been crucified with Christ. It is I who no longer live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## **Romans 6:6-7 -**

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin since a person who has died is freed from sin.



## **II. Out With the Old... vs. vs. 5-11**

**A. Put to death what belongs  
to your earthly nature**

**B. Put aside remaining sinful deeds**

## **Luke 15:21-22 -**

The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son. "But the father told the servants, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him...'

## **Galatians 3:28 -**

There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, since you are all one in Christ Jesus.

## **Matthew 6:14-15 -**

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

## **Ephesians 4:2-3 -**

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another with love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

## **Ephesians 5:2 -**

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **Deuteronomy 11:18 -**

Imprint these words of mine on your hearts and mind, bind them as a sign on your hands, and let them be a symbol on your foreheads.

## **IV. Where Do We Go From Here? vs. 16-17**

**A. Our Activity in Christ...**

**B. Expressed in the Power of Christ**

## **1 Corinthians 10:31 -**

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

... let's look back at the world into which the Word who became flesh entered human history.

It was a world shaped by the worship of false gods, gods who didn't care about their worshippers with worshippers who didn't care much about each other.

The God who became flesh changed everything. His life, death, and resurrection not only exposed the false gods for the counterfeits they were, but His followers demonstrated a new way.

What started in Bethlehem two millennia ago continues today.

Jesus is still disarming false “gods,” like money, fame, sex, and power, and His followers are still called to offer a better way of being human than anything currently offered in contemporary society.

This is the gift we have to offer the world.

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