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Topic: "Are The Things You Say and Do Honoring
The Name of Jesus?"

Scripture Reference: Colossians 3:17

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all to the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

I. Introduction

A. As a Christian, you know that the Holy Spirit lives inside of you, and your body is His temple here on earth (see 1 Corinthians 6:19,20).

B. After Jesus died for our sins, washed us through the power of His shed blood, the Holy Spirit came to live inside of us. With that in mind, don't you think you should be careful and consider everything you say and do?

C. The Holy Spirit is your Internal Resident who is right there with you all the time. Because of this factual truth, whatever you say, do, watch, or participate in, you involve the Holy Spirit.

D. Therefore, if you can say and do things, knowing that your words and deeds will bless the Holy Spirit and honor the name of Jesus, then go right ahead and say and do them.

E. On the other hand, if you are even a little bit concerned about what you say or do will grieve the Holy Spirit or bring dishonor to the name of Jesus, you should **REFRAIN** from it.

II. Exposition [Part I]

- A. In Colossians 3:17, the Apostle Paul said, “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”
- B. The word “whatsoever” is translated for the Greek phrase **ti ean**. The word **ti** describes the most minute, miniscule, detail.
- C. This is important because it tells us that God is concerned about every action in our lives – not only the large things, but even the smallest.
- D. The word **ean** generalizes the subject to mean **whatever**. But when **ti** and **ean** are used together, it can be translated **whatsoever**, as recorded in the *King James Version* of the Bible.
- E. Additionally, it is important to know that included in this word “whatsoever” is the picture of **every little detail, even the smallest, most minute, miniscule detail**.

III. Exposition [Part II]

- A. Colossians 3:17 continues, “And whatsoever you do” The word you “**do**” is a form of the Greek word **poieo**, which has a wide range of meanings in the New Testament.
- B. Here, however, it infers **any action** that one does. It is another word with a wide-range of meaning, which tells us that we must be careful about whatever we say and do, because every little action has an impact on our Internal Resident, the Holy Spirit.
- C. Not only that, but as Christians, we bear the name of Christ and our words and actions impact the honor we should bring to the name of Jesus Christ.

Here is an insightful Nugget for you:

- 1) The word **Christian** is found only three times in the entire New Testament (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16).
- 2) The name Christian was given originally as a term of contempt, but gradually it became a name of honor.
- 3) In this context, the name of Christ, then means **identification**: We belong to Jesus Christ. (Thank You Lord!)

IV. Exposition [Part III]

A. Colossians 3:17 continues – “And whatsoever you do in word”

The word “word” comes from the Greek word **logos**, and it depicts spoken words.”

B. This means that our words have an impact on the indwelling

Holy Spirit and our witness as members of the body of Christ.

C. You and I are keenly aware that there are some types of

verbal communication that should **never** come out of the mouth of a committed Christian.

D. We are commanded in Ephesians 4:29 to comply with the

following: “**Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearer. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**”

E. Please pay particular attention to verse 29 where it says –

“ Let no “**corrupt**” communication proceed out of your mouth.” Why ? Paul says, because it “grieves” the Holy Spirit.

F. The word “**corrupt**” is the Greek word **sapros**, which describes

anything that is **rank, foul, putrid, rotten, corrupt, or worthless**. This could also include **gossip** or simply **foul talk**.

G. Ephesians 4:30 says that it “**grieves**” the Holy Spirit when a

believer talks like this. The word “grieve” is **lupete**, and it means that it **deeply pains** the Spirit when a believer is engaged in rank, foul, putrid, rotten, corrupt, or worthless speech.

H. This tells us that when a Christian uses corrupt language –

which could include anything that does not minister life to someone else – or any language that is rotten and worthless, it grieves the Holy Spirit and brings dishonor to the name of Jesus. (Are you getting this??)

V. Exposition [Part IV]

A. Colossians 3:17 goes on to say, “And whatsoever you do in word

or deed” This word “**deed**” is a form of the Greek word **ergos**,

which refers to **our actions or deeds**.

B. This would include our treatment of others, how we handle our money, what we do with our time, what we look at on TV or on the Internet, etc.

D. **“Deed”** – **ergos** – is all-inclusive of everything, making it impossible to give a full list of “deeds” here.

E. However, if you will listen to the indwelling Holy Spirit, you will know when your actions or deeds grieve Him. When that happens, **please**, back off, immediately repent, and ask the Lord to help you to not do it again!

VI. Exposition [Part V]

A. Paul continues – Colossians 3:17 – “And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus”

B. The word **“all”** in Greek is the compound word **panta** – which is the word **pan**, meaning **all**, with the affixed **ta**, referring to **everything**.

C. Thus, the word **panta** means all things – nothing excluded.

Therefore, everything we do, nothing excluded – should be in the name, or to the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ask Yourself the following

☒ Do some of the movies or TV programs you (want) to watch give honor to the name of Jesus?

[Note: Some TV programs and movies do **not** violate Colossians 3:17]

☒ Do the Internet sites you (want) to visit give honor to the name of Jesus?

☒ Are the words you speak giving honor to the name of Jesus?

VI. Summary

A. We must each examine our lives and see if we are living in a way that honors the indwelling Holy Spirit and the name of Jesus.

B. If you are serious about your walk with the Lord, you must turn from those things that grieve the Holy Spirit.

C. If your heart has already been hardened in an area that

causes you to do and say things that are displeasing to the Holy Spirit and dishonoring the name of Jesus, it will require your solid commitment – to return to your first love (see Rev. 2:4).

D. If you are willing, God is willing to start the process of renewing and refreshing you today.

Why not get started right Now?

A Prayer to Consider

Heavenly Father, I will truthfully examine my life today, to see if I am living in a way that honors the indwelling Holy Spirit and the name of Jesus. I know that You know all about me. Help me to recognize the attitudes and actions that do not honor You or exalt the name of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ in my life. I ask You for forgiveness and I ask You to help me to become more sensitive in my spirit if I have hardened my heart through unbelief and disobedience. Lord, I do not want to grieve Your Precious Holy Spirit, and I sincerely desire to please You.

I pray this in Jesus' name,

Amen!

It is once again interactive time. Please complete the biblical passages below by filling in the blanks. As usual, all passages have been taken from the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

“Let your _____ be alway with grace, _____ with salt, that ye may _____ how ye _____ to answer every man.”

[Colossians 4:6]

“The words of a _____ man’s mouth are _____; but the lips of a _____ will _____ up himself.”

[Ecclesiastes 10:12]

“Let the _____ of my _____ and the _____ of my heart, be _____ in they sight; O Lord, my _____, and my _____.”

[Psalm 19:14]

“O Lord, _____ thou my _____; and my _____ shall shew forth thy _____.”

[Psalm 51:15]

“But I say unto you, that every _____ word that men shall _____, they shall give an _____ thereof in the day of _____.”

[Matthew 12:36]

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

1. Can you honestly say that you are living a life that causes the Holy Spirit to dwell comfortably inside you and that gives honor to the name of Jesus?
2. If the Holy Spirit brings an area of your life to your attention in which you have been grieving Him with your words or deeds, what will you do as a consequence? How will you respond?
3. Is the Holy Spirit comfortable with every place you go and everything you watch?

I sincerely pray that this lesson has caused you to think deeply and meditate on the goodness of the Lord. Kindly consider the words and deeds that you do and how you treat others, remembering that our words and deeds impact our Internal Resident, the Holy Spirit.

May you be richly blessed as you serve, honor, and obey the Word of God and the God of the Word.

As always, please feel free to share this lesson with others.

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