

## COLOSSIANS PART 15

So we've learned that our behavior, our deeds and manner of life are to be "others-oriented" now.

**The Body of Christ functioning properly puts Christ (head) 1st, others second, and YOU LAST.**

"I am second?, nope, farther down the list."

Vs. 14 The good deeds are not the focus per se, CHARITY is the focus.

Charity- Love doing good for the express purpose of benefiting others. (not accidentally or bonus)

You can GIVE YOUR LIFE for someone and NOT do it Charitably.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed [the poor], and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

(1 COR 3:13) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

We need to be Pauline AND charitable or it Profits Nothing.

**1 COR 9:16** For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing **willingly**, I have a reward:

We've got to be doing the Right Thing - the Right Way - for the Right Purpose.

**NEXT STEP:** Putting off of the wrong things results in a situation where you're not choosing between right and wrong, but choosing between different Good Things to do.

**Rom 14:14** I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean. **15** But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou **not charitably**. Destroy not him with thy meat, You have to discern NOT what is a good thing, but WHAT IS A GOOD THING THAT WILL **BENEFIT** MY BROTHER OR SISTER IN CHRIST.

Charity PERCEIVES and DISCERNS that TO HIM, my brother in Christ, **MY** GOOD THING is UNCLEAN! (is it? no.) and dangerous and picks a good thing to do that will BENEFIT and EDIFY him.

**Col 3:18**, and see what CHARITY, this bond of perfectness looks like when operating in the family and the world.

**COL 3:18** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. **19** Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. **20** Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Submit? **Gen 2:20** And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every

beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. The woman is a HELP that is **MEET** for him. (suitable, fitting, proper)

The woman is an Equal Being, she's a help that is Proper & Fitting for the man.

**COL 1:12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath **made us meet** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Why does the wife need to submit? Submission is part of "The Curse" of Gen 3

**Gen 3:16** Unto the woman he said, 1) I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; 2) and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. There was **NO FEMALE TO MALE SUBMISSION BEFORE GEN 3**.

The **ONE FLESH** relationship of marriage is presented now with a **never** before seen problem.....**2 SINNERS** now have to be one flesh. There had to be then, a Majority Shareholder in the one flesh partnership. why not 50/50??

**50/50 doesn't work when both halves are completely opposed to each other!!**

**OWN HUSBAND??** Ignored by wrong dividers. Denominations teach their men **HEB 13:17** Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that [is] unprofitable for you.

Wrong division of the Bible creates the potential for 1)marital problems, 2)church fights, and 3) wives falling in LOVE with their pastors. The wrong divider has inserted himself into the bond of the marriage unit (man/wife) and into the bond between the believer and Christ.

**Rule over me? who?**

**1 Cor 11:3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman [is] the man;

**ROM 14:12** So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Who's giving the account? Contradictory Information! Hebrews is not OUR doctrine, no problem.

**2 TIM 2:15** you have to show YOURSELF to God as a skilled workman.

**Col 3: verse 19**..... LOVE YOUR WIVES (charity)

You chose her, if she hasn't violated the marriage contract, YOU ARE COMMANDED TO LOVE HER.

**CHOOSE to love your wife. EPH 5:28** He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

Col 3:19 Be not bitter against them.. means extreme or harsh....

(charity, the Bond of Perfectness. **1 COR 13:4** Charity suffereth long, [and] is kind; charity envieth not;charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

**Verse 20:** Children, obey [your] parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

We are the parents, not the 'buddies' of the kids.  
Children WANT RULES and order. Children WANT consistency.

When we deny our children the order and consistency that they Desire, we become a TERRIBLE example to the children that we are trying to raise in the nurture and admonition of the LORD

**Verse 21:** on the heels of this obedience: Fathers, provoke not your children [to anger], lest they be discouraged. Dad, Don't be a JERK.

Learn from 1 COR 13 that your children speak, think, and understand at a lower level than an adult. Don't punish them for this or take advantage of this either!

Also, the verse DOES NOT say, don't ever make your kids angry.

**Verse 22:** Servants, obey in all things [your] masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: **23** And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

LIBERAL ATTACK! The Bible endorses (or promotes) SLAVERY!!!

**The Bible doesn't ENDORSE slavery, it REPORTS it. (EX 22)**

The Bible (in times past, in the OT law Program) endorsed the concept of the BondServant.

**EX 22:1** If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. (retribution) **2** If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, *there shall no blood be shed* for him. (castle doctrine) **3** If the sun be risen upon him, *there shall be blood shed* for him; (don't kill the thief) *for he should make full restitution*; if he have nothing, then **he shall be sold for his theft.**

Bondservant NOT because of skin color, ethnicity, or national origin.

**BONDSERVANT BECAUSE OF BEHAVIOR, BECAUSE OF CRIMES COMMITTED.**

**1 COR 6:20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. bought out of bondage, how much MORE should we perform excellent service!

**COL 3:22**...ctnd....not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; **23** And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Eyeservice can only fool the boss for but a short time. TRUE service is consistent and continues to show forth.

AS UNTO THE LORD: some people's bosses are horrible! :)

More than that, though... again....It's Bigger than Just YOU, and your circumstance.

It's back to what we talked about a couple lessons ago, YOUR JOB, no matter what circumstance you find yourself in, to be an AMBASSADOR OF CHRIST. It's about ADORNING the doctrine.

**Titus 2:9** Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in

all things; not answering again; **10** Not purloining, (stealing, skimming of the top) but shewing all good fidelity; that they may **adorn the doctrine** of God our Saviour in all things. (for what purpose? The GOSPEL!) **11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

**It's not about YOU, plow the field, bear the yoke for your Lord's sake!**

**1 Tim 6:1** Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and [his] doctrine be not blasphemed.

**Col 3 Verse:24** Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Set your affections on THINGS ABOVE. Focus on your Savior, not your boss. Don't fret about being mistreated in this life which is but a vapor, be reminded (by God's Word) of your hope!

When do we get OUR inheritance? **EPH 1:14**, when our BODIES are redeemed.

**When is that? When you meet him in the AIR!**

Isn't it easier to **2 TIM 2:3** endure hardness with the KNOWLEDGE and HOPE that no matter WHAT horrible circumstances this sin-cursed planet throws your way, that your inheritance and reward and blessings await you??

**COL 1: 5** For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven.

**COL 1:12** which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

**COL 1:13** translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son:

In this life, we endure 'hardness' all the time for temporal things. We work long hours, we stay up late for more MONEY. We go to the gym and sweat and toil for physical health and well-being.

Yet we are UNWILLING to sacrifice just about ANYTHING for our God and Saviour, the one who PURCHASED our salvation with His own blood while we were yet and still his ENEMIES.

Wrap up **Col 3:25** But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

**What?** I'm going to get punished for my SINS?? **Hold on a minute!**

Didn't I just read 35 verses early in **COL 2:13-14** that ALL my trespasses are forgiven and EVERY one of my sins is nailed to Calvary's cross??

Look what I did to the verse: I ADDED words to the verse (in my mind) because of wrong doctrine **Read it again w/ my mind's old biases creeping up.**

**Col 3:25** But he that doeth wrong THINGS (sins) shall receive PUNISHMENT for the wrong THINGS (sins) which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

Confusion or Uncertainty? I stop and look at **1)** Who's talking? **2)** To Whom? **3)** Is it me?

**Who's talking?** MY APOSTLE. Paul, The Apostle to the Gentiles. The one charged w/ Dispensing the Mystery which was hid since the foundation of the world (**Rom 16:25**)

**TO WHOM?** **COL 1:2** To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ (Hey that's me! Saved folks, trusting the Gospel of the Grace of God!) Furthermore, I know from COL 3: verse 11 that I'm in a body where there is NO such thing as Greek or Jew or circumcision or uncircumcision.

NOW..... I'm inclined to see this a SERVICE issue, not a SIN ISSUE.

2 COR 5:9-10, where we're looking at performing labor that is acceptable... labor and service that will be judged at the Judgement Seat of Christ to be good or bad labor.

**2 COR 5:10** that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, **whether [it be] good or bad.**

Look Past chap. 3 to see more context. (chapter markings r not Holy Ghost inspired)

**COL 4:1** Masters, give unto *your* servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

Now I see from the end of chap 3 and beg. of chap 4 that I'm looking at both sides of a servant/master relationship, and BOTH parties being addressed are SAVED FOLKS.

The understanding and principle are set in stone by comparing scripture w/ scripture.

**EPH 6:5** Servants, be obedient to them that are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

**6** Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; **7** With good will **doing service**, as to the Lord, and not to men: **8** Knowing that whatsoever **good thing** any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free. **9** And, ye masters, **do the same** things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

EPH 6 talking about GOOD service. COL 3 addressing BAD service. 2 sides of the same coin, the coin having NOTHING to do with punishment for sins..... it's about good or bad service.

**2 COR 5:10** that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, **whether [it be] good or bad.**