



# The Opposite Way (Colossians 3:1–11)



## Introduction

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### 1. Our Minds (vv. 1–4)

**1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek** [\_\_\_\_\_, crave] **those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.** **2 Set** [this is an ongoing process] **your mind** [everything that's going on in our heads] **on things above, not on things on the earth** [this is a conscious, purposeful, minute-by-minute effort on our part]. **3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God** [If we want to find our lives, we have to find them in \_\_\_\_\_]. **4 When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory** [It's not about making things perfect today].

Summary: When we find our minds focusing on things \_\_\_\_\_, go the opposite way and focus on things \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Our Members (vv. 5–7)

**5 Therefore put to death** [to \_\_\_\_\_ of power] **your members which are on the earth: fornication** [illicit sexual intercourse: sex \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage], **uncleanness** [luxurious, extravagant living in a filthy manner: \_\_\_\_\_], **passion** [depraved passions: a filthy \_\_\_\_\_], **evil desire** [a destructive desire for what is forbidden: \_\_\_\_\_], **and covetousness** [desire to have more: \_\_\_\_\_], **which is idolatry.** **6 Because of these things the wrath of God is**

**coming upon the sons of disobedience** [those who are \_\_\_\_\_ able to be persuaded], **7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.**

**Summary:** When we find our members headed toward these things, go the opposite way and \_\_\_\_\_ them of their power.

### 3. Our Mouths (vv. 8–11)

**8 But now you yourselves are to put off** [\_\_\_\_\_ from a particular thing] **all these: anger** [\_\_\_\_\_ emotion], **wrath** [anger that rises and \_\_\_\_\_], **malice** [desire to \_\_\_\_\_], **blasphemy** [\_\_\_\_\_ or speech that hurts God's name], **filthy language** [\_\_\_\_\_ speech] **out of your mouth.** **9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,** **10 and have put on** [to \_\_\_\_\_ in to] **the new *man* who is renewed** [\_\_\_\_\_ up (Question: Are you what you were?)] **in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,** **11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.**

**Summary:** When we find our mouths about to say something they shouldn't say, go the opposite way and \_\_\_\_\_ from that communication and \_\_\_\_\_ in to the new man.

# The Opposite Way (Colossians 3:12–25)

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### 4. Our Mannerisms (vv. 12–17)

**12 Therefore, as *the elect*** [picked] **of God, holy and beloved** [agape love], **put on** [\_\_\_\_\_ in to] **tender** [\_\_\_\_\_] **mercies, kindness, humility** [having a deep sense of one's own moral \_\_\_\_\_], **meekness** [having \_\_\_\_\_ and not misusing it], **longsuffering** [\_\_\_\_\_ in avenging wrong]; **13 bearing with** [holding \_\_\_\_] **one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.**  
**14 But above all these things put on love** [fills in the cracks with \_\_\_\_\_], **which is the bond of perfection.** [Love always wins] **15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts** [literally, let peace be the \_\_\_\_\_], **to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.** **16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom** [\_\_\_\_\_ word for knowledge], **teaching** [teaching via conversation] **and admonishing** [\_\_\_\_\_] **one another in psalms** [songs accompanied with \_\_\_\_\_] **and hymns** [\_\_\_\_\_ songs] **and spiritual songs** [lyrical poems relating to the \_\_\_\_\_ spirit], **singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.** **17 And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

Summary: When we find our mannerisms are about to do something without love, peace, and a thankful heart, go the opposite way and slide in to love, let peace umpire, and give \_\_\_\_\_.

## 5. Our Marriages (vv. 18–21)

18 **Wives, submit** [a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude] **to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.** 19 **Husbands, love** [to welcome, to entertain, to be \_\_\_\_\_ of, to love dearly] **your wives and do not be bitter** [exasperated] **toward them.** 20 **Children, obey** [answering the \_\_\_\_\_: listening and obeying] **your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.** 21 **Fathers, do not provoke** [stir up, excite] **your children, lest they become discouraged** [a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit].

Summary: When we find our marriages about to go against God's ordained structure for the home, go the opposite way and \_\_\_\_\_ for God's structure.

## 6. Our Masters (vv. 22–25)

22 **Bondservants** [\_\_\_\_\_ submission to slavery], **obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity** [focus on \_\_\_\_\_ thing free from pretense and hypocrisy] **of heart, fearing God.** 23 **And whatever you do, do it heartily** [with great \_\_\_\_\_], **as to the Lord and not to men,** 24 **knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.** [We are really working for \_\_\_\_\_] 25 **But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality** [respect of persons].

Summary: When we find our masters being deprived of great breath, go the opposite way and do the job for \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus went the opposite way so \_\_\_ could too.