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# Colossians 3: My Strategic Plan

- The starting point for everything (v1-4)
- Put off (v5-9)
- Put on (v10-17)
- Examples (v18-25)




# 2 Chronicles 7:14: If my people…

- Humble themselves
- Pray
- Seek my face
- Turn from their wicked ways




# John 13:1-7: Serve like Jesus

- Have a heart of love
- Have eternity in view
- Have a humble heart (take the lowly place)




# Why live a godly life?

- Godliness is a believers identity (Rom 8:29)
- Godliness is God's will (1 Pet 1:15, Tit 2:11-12)
- To avoid bringing dishonor on God's name (2 Sam 12:14)
- To avoid reaping the consequences of sin (Gal 6:7-8)
- To avoid God's discipline in this life (1 Cor 11:30-32)




# Why live a godly life?

- Not living for God is a losing proposition (2 Pet 3:10-11, 1 John 2:15-17)
- To enjoy close fellowship w/ God (Ps 4:3, 37:28)
- To enjoy benefits in this life (1 Tim 4:7-8, 6:6)
- A godly life is the best life (Psalm 1:1-3)




# Gender Identity

- Gender identity
- Gender roles
- God's design
- Our response in faith
  - Know the facts
  - Determine where right and wrong come from
  - Respond with questions
  - Respond in gentleness and love




# Joshua 24:15: Chose you this day

- Godly choices
  - Forsake “other gods” (v14, 16)
  - Serve the Lord (v18, 24)
  - Obey His voice (v24)
  - “Covenant” with the Lord (v25)




# John 7:37-39: Personal revival

- Come to Jesus (v37)
- Believe in Him (v38)
- Live by the Spirit (v39)




# Proverbs 3:5-6: Common sense vs. uncommon sense

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart
- Lean not on your own understanding
- In all your ways acknowledge Him
- And He will make your paths straight




# Psalm 37: Stay on the narrow path

- Do not fret (v1, 7, 8)
- Trust in the Lord (v3,5)
- Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness (v3)
- Delight yourself in the Lord (v4)
- Commit your way to the Lord (v5)
- Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him (v7)

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# God cares for His church

- Matthew 6:18
- Ephesians 3:8-11
- Acts 2:42




# God cares for His church, and HE also has expectations

- An unfeigned love for Jesus
- Faithfulness to the end
- Truthfulness to God's Word
- Sensitivity to holiness and sin
- Wake up (stay alert)
- Hold fast to what you have
- Don't settle for being lukewarm




# Discipline in the church

- What is discipline?
- Why do we need church discipline?
  - To glorify God who is holy
  - It is evidence of God's love
  - It satisfies God's sense of order
  - To safeguard the church's testimony
  - To control the influence and spread of evil
  - To correct and restore the erring member




# Discipline in the church

- What are the different kinds of discipline?
  - Preventive
  - Personal trespass
  - Warning and rejection of factious people
  - Avoidance of disorderly
  - Public rebuke
  - Ex-communication or disfellowship for unrepentant sin
- How is discipline carried out?




# Proverbs 23:23

## Buy truth and do not sell it.

- Get wisdom
- Get instruction
- Get understanding




# John 14:6: Jesus is the way

- Spiritual dryness (John 4:13-14)
- Use of our time (John 7:1-7)

Are we willing to change?




# Isaiah 30:20-21

Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. And your ears will hear a word behind you, "**This is the way, walk in it**," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.