

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

• "If" raises the question of genuine motives. Dying to sin and being raised up with Christ are required for salvation, but the philosophers and self-worshipers only went through the motions. • "Keep seeking" means that it is a continual process, and it is never over until we have joined Christ above. • Keeping our mind on heavenly things is hard no matter where you are on the socio-economic spectrum (Proverbs 30:7-9, Matthew 19:23-24).

YOUR LIFE WILL BE REVEALED

COLOSSIANS 3:5-11 • Our definition of "idolatry" is often way too narrow. • Sin is something one can live in, contrary to the arguments of some. Sin is not just single, isolated actions, but a lifestyle, an ongoing relationship, or a refusal to remove one's idols and acknowledge fault. • The old self and the new self cannot be more different (see Ephesians 4:17ff). Prejudice has no place in God's kingdom (for He shows no partiality [Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11, James 2:9]).

"And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity" COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

- These verses serve as the practical application:
- Marriage
- Family

Employment, whether fair or not (1 Peter 2:18ff)
Notice the way the apostle doesn't build walls of separation between family life, public life, and church life. While there are certainly things that need to stay in their context, these main areas of life are all connected by our devotion to God.