

Colossians 3:1-17 • Seeking the Things Above

1. (v.1-11) We're not just supposed to KNOW that our position is "above", but to ACT as though it's "above".
 - a. This is accomplished by setting our minds on the things above. (v.2)
 - b. This is accomplished by considering our earthly body as dead. (v.5)
 - c. This is accomplished by putting aside sinful behaviors that affect relationships. (v.8-9)
 - d. This is accomplished by putting ON the new self. (v.10)

2. (v.12-17) Paul's 8 additional imperatives for Christian living.
 - a. "Put on a heart..." (v.12)
 - b. "Bear with one another" (v.13a)
 - c. "Forgive one another" (v.13b)
 - d. "Put on love" (v.14)
 - e. "Let the peace of Christ rule" (v.15)
 - f. "Let the word of Christ richly dwell in you" (v.16)
 - g. "Do all things in the name of the Lord Jesus" (v.17a)
 - h. "Give thanks through Him" (v.17b)

3. Summary: One seeks the things "above" by pursuing loving relationships "below".