

Deuteronomy 12:1

These are the statutes and rules
that you shall be careful to do in the land
that the LORD, the God of your fathers,
has given you to possess,
all the days that you live on the earth.

Deuteronomy 12:2-3

You shall surely destroy all the places
where the nations whom you shall dispossess
served their gods, on the high mountains
and on the hills and under every green tree.

You shall tear down their altars
and dash in pieces their pillars
and burn their Asherim with fire.

You shall chop down the carved images of their gods
and destroy their name out of that place.

Deuteronomy 12:4

You shall not worship the LORD your God
in that way.

Exodus 19:5-6

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice
and keep my covenant, you shall be
my treasured possession among all peoples,
for all the earth is mine;
and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests
and a holy nation.

These are the words that you shall speak
to the people of Israel.

1 Peter 2:9-11

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for his own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness
into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-11

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles
to abstain from the passions of the flesh,
which wage war against your soul.

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above, where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth.

For you have died,
and your life is hidden
with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:4-6

When Christ who is your life appears,
then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:
sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire,
and covetousness, which is idolatry.

On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

Ephesians 5:3

Sexual immorality and all impurity
or covetousness must not even be named
among you, as is proper among saints.

1 Thessalonians 4:7

For God has not called us for impurity,
but in holiness.

Matthew 23:27

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For you are like whitewashed tombs,
which outwardly appear beautiful,
but within are full of dead people’s bones
and all uncleanness.”

Mark 7:14-23

And he called the people to him again
and said to them,

“Hear me, all of you, and understand:
There is nothing outside a person
that by going into him can defile him,
but the things that come out of a person
are what defile him.”

And when he had entered the house
and left the people,
his disciples asked him about the parable.

Mark 7:14-23

And he said to them,

“Then are you also without understanding?

Do you not see that whatever goes into a person
from outside cannot defile him,
since it enters not his heart but his stomach,
and is expelled?’

(Thus he declared all foods clean.)

And he said,

“What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

“All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race
all the runners compete,
but only one receives the prize?
So run that you may obtain it.
Every athlete exercises self-control in all things.
They do it to receive a perishable wreath,
but we an imperishable.
So I do not run aimlessly;
I do not box as one beating the air.
But I discipline my body and keep it under control,
lest after preaching to others
I myself should be disqualified.

Luke 13:24

“Strive to enter through the narrow door.
For many, I tell you, will seek to enter
and will not be able.”

Hebrews 4:11

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest,
so that no one may fall
by the same sort of disobedience.

Matthew 5:48

“You therefore must be perfect,
as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

1 Peter 5:8-10

Be sober-minded; be watchful.

Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

James 4:7-8

Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Draw near to God,

and he will draw near to you.

1 John 3:8

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil,
for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.
The reason the Son of God appeared
was to destroy the works of the devil.

Matthew 12:24-28

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said,
“It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,
that this man casts out demons.”

Knowing their thoughts, he said to them,
“Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste,
and no city or house divided against itself
will stand.”

Matthew 12:24-28

“And if Satan casts out Satan,
he is divided against himself.
How then will his kingdom stand?
And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul,
by whom do your sons cast them out?
Therefore they will be your judges.

“But if it is by the Spirit of God
that I cast out demons,
then the kingdom of God
has come upon you.”

Matthew 12:29-30

“Or how can someone enter a strong man’s house
and plunder his goods,
unless he first binds the strong man?
Then indeed he may plunder his house.

“Whoever is not with me is against me,
and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”

Matthew 11:11-12

“Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist.
Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.”

Luke 16:16

“The Law and the Prophets were until John;
since then the good news
of the kingdom of God is preached,
and everyone forces his way into it.”

Colossians 3:7-8

In these you too once walked,
when you were living in them.
But now you must put them all away:
anger, wrath, malice, slander,
and obscene talk from your mouth.

- PUT TO DEATH what is earthly in you
sexual immorality, impurity, passion,
evil desire, and covetousness – i.e., idolatry
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James 3:2-12

For we all stumble in many ways,
and if anyone does not stumble in what he says,
he is a perfect man,
able also to bridle his whole body.

If we put bits into the mouths of horses
so that they obey us,
we guide their whole bodies as well.

Look at the ships also:
though they are so large
and are driven by strong winds,
they are guided by a very small rudder
wherever the will of the pilot directs.

James 3:2-12

So also the tongue is a small member,
yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!
And the tongue is a fire,
a world of unrighteousness.

The tongue is set among our members,
staining the whole body,
setting on fire the entire course of life,
and set on fire by hell.

Matthew 12:22-37

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good,
or make the tree bad and its fruit bad,
for the tree is known by its fruit.

You brood of vipers!

How can you speak good, when you are evil?

“For out of the abundance of the heart
the mouth speaks.”

Matthew 12:22-37

“The good person out of his good treasure
brings forth good,
and the evil person out of his evil treasure
brings forth evil.

“I tell you, on the day of judgment
people will give account
for every careless word they speak,
for by your words you will be justified,
and by your words you will be condemned.”

Colossians 3:7-10

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and obscene talk from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that
you have put off the old self with its practices
and have put on the new self,
which is being renewed in knowledge
after the image of its creator.

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Colossians 3:11

Here there is not Greek and Jew,
circumcised and uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free;
but Christ is all, and in all.

Colossians 3:12-13

Put on then,
as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
compassion, kindness, humility,
meekness, and patience,
bearing with one another and,
if one has a complaint against another,
forgiving each other;
as the Lord has forgiven you,
so you also must forgive.

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- PUT ON LOVE !!

Colossians 3:14-15a

And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together
in perfect harmony.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another
in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 13:47

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,
“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation
to the ends of the earth.”

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them,
“All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe
all that I have commanded you.

“And behold, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.”

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained this
or am already perfect,
but I press on to make it my own,
because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Brothers, I do not consider
that I have made it my own.
But one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.