

ABSOLUTE ESSENTIALS  
WE EXAMINE OUR LIVES  
SELECTED SCRIPTURES FROM COLOSSIANS 3



## The Heart of the Matter

Yogi Berra, the hall of fame catcher for the New York Yankees in the 1950s, is well known for his “Yogisms”—observations and turns of phrases that are so obvious you think they are profound. This could qualify as a “Yogism”: “The goal of every Christian should be to live like a Christian.” Well, duh! But there is something profound in this statement. We are not just to think about living like a Christian . . . but do it; not just learn about it . . . but practice it. The Bible commands it. The Lord empowers it. The world expects it. And the church needs it. So how is your Christian life? Are you living it? Examine your life today in light of Colossians 3.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. Think about Your Spiritual Wardrobe (Colossians 3:1–3)

To live like a Christian begins in the mind. Our aim, our goal, our mental attitude—all is correctly shaped and sustained by where we fix our thoughts.

### 2. Things to Take Off (Colossians 3:5–9)

If we are to live the Christian life, then some earthly manners have no business going on in our lives—get rid of these.

### 3. Things to Put On (Colossians 3:10–17)

Living the Christian life is distinguished by the wardrobe of grace—put on these things.



## Starting Your Journey

The Christian’s dress code is applied in no better place than in our business attire—how we put on the wardrobe of grace when we work, doing it to honor Christ, and representing and reflecting His character with gratitude.



## Tools for Digging Deeper



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