

Col. 3 – Nurturing a Christ-like character

- **Col. 3:1-4 – Nurturing a Christ-like mindset**
- **Col. 3:5-11 – Nurturing Christ-like purity**

How do I nurture a Christ-like character?

I. Ensure proper mindset – Col. 3:1-2

A. “seek” = “*to search, look for*” *diligently*

B. “set your mind” = “*to think*”; *meditate on*

II. Why is this important? Col. 3:3

A. I have died to the carnal mind

B. My life rests with Christ in God

III. To what end should I be motivated to do this? Col. 3:4

A. Salvation comes to those who train, and maintain, a Christ-like mindset

Col. 3:5-11 – Nurturing Christ-like purity

I. Guard your body and mind, v.5

A. Physical sins:

1. Fornication = *illicit sexual intercourse*
2. Uncleanness = *impure, filthy*

B. Mental sins:

1. Passion (attitude of mind) = *fervent affection of the mind; always negative*
2. Evil desire (specific) = *evil in character; lust*
3. Covetousness = *a desire to have more*

Col. 3:5-11 – Nurturing Christ-like purity

II. Guard your heart of evil emotions, v.8-9

A. Evil emotion:

1. Anger = *lasting in nature, demands action, premeditated*
2. Wrath = *agitated outburst, passionate*
3. Malice = *viciousness of character*

B. Manifestation of evil emotion:

1. Blasphemy = *injurious speech*
2. Filthy language = *vile speech*
3. Lies = *emphasis on deceiving*

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III. What can motivate me to guard my body, mind, and heart? v.6-7, 9-10

- A. The wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience (*un-persuadable*), v.6**
- B. You have already escaped – do not be ensnared again! v.7**
- C. You have put off the old man and his deeds – requires full repentance, v.9**
- D. You have put on the new man – image of God, renewed by continual growth, v.10**
- E. God does not show partiality – v.11**