

MARCH 8, 2020

THE CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE
Colossians 3:15-17

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Read Colossians 3:16. What does it mean to let the "Word of Christ dwell in you richly?" What are your current personal bible study habits? How are you incorporating part b of this verse? How is allowing His word to "dwell richly" different than just knowing the Bible?

Read Colossians 3:17. What does it mean to "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus?" How have you seen the way you live and speak affect the reputation of Jesus or His church? Can you share a time when you "blew it" in this regard? Where in your day to day life is this most difficult?

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