

Text: Colossians 3:5-11
Topic: Sanctification. Obedience.
Series: The Book of Colossians

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Internal Warfare

A Time to Be Ruthless

part 1



1. Gear _____

2. Remember _____

3. Have _____

Colossians 3:5-11

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Read 1 Peter 5:8. In what way have you experienced the consequences of not being "alert" or not realizing that your progress in the Christian life is a battle?

Describe the practical difference between encountering a temptation you were expecting and encountering one that blindsided you.

2. As best you can, describe what it might have been like to be a soldier engaged in hand-to-hand combat in the first century Roman culture.

Read 2 Timothy 2:3 and 1 Timothy 6:12. What does that first century image of warfare do to these verses in your mind? In what way has your view of Christian life been too sterile or benign before engaging in this study?

3. How does recalling a proper view of your adoption and regeneration in Christ help you in the midst of temptation?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:5-10. In what creative way can you remind yourself of your high calling as a child of God in the throes of your next battle with temptation?

4. What is the difference between battling sin as a non-Christian (without a new heart) and battling sin as a Christian (with a new heart and God's Spirit)?
5. What is your plan as it relates to having your mind regularly renewed with the knowledge of God?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

1 Sam. 7-8 & John 20

Monday

1 Sam. 9-10 & John 21

Tuesday

1 Sam. 11-12 & Acts 1

Wednesday

1 Sam. 13-14 & Acts 2

Thursday

1 Sam. 15-16 & Acts 3

Friday

1 Sam. 17-18 & Acts 4

Saturday

1 Sam. 19-20 & Acts 5