

GUIDELINES FOR CHRISTIANS

Positively, we are to:

1. "Keep seeking the things above" (3:1).
2. "Set [our] mind[s] on the things above" (3:2).
3. "Put on" certain qualities (3:12).

The reason:

1. "You have been raised up with Christ" (3:1).
2. "You have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (3:3).
3. "[You] have been chosen of God, holy and beloved" (3:12).

Negatively, we are to:

1. "Set [our] mind[s] . . . not on the things that are on earth" (3:2).
2. "Consider the members of [our] earthly bod[ies] as dead . . ." (3:5).
3. "Put . . . aside" certain practices (3:8).

The reason:

1. "You have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (3:3).
2. "You also will be revealed with Him in glory" when "the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience" (3:4, 6).
3. "[You] have put on the new self" (3:10).