

Colossians 3:15-17 **Effectual Working**

1. **Charity, the bond of perfectness • Colossians 3:14-15**

- a. Above all, **charity** - the more excellent way (1 Cor 12:31)
- b. Charity edifies and does not fail (1 Cor 13:1-3, 8)
- c. Charity edifies, grows, restores (Eph 4:15-16, Gal 6:1-2, 1 Cor 13:4-7)
- d. **Let** the peace of God rule... You **have** peace with God, this is part of your complete position. This peace starts with knowledge and understanding. (Col 1:20, 2:10, Rom 5:1-2)
- e. When your mind is renewed and you walk after the Spirit, the peace of God can pass understanding. (Remember the helmet of salvation!) (Phil 4:6-7, Eph 6:17)
- f. In order to follow this **more excellent way**, you must be saved and must come to know the truth. (Phil 1:9-10, Col 1:9-10)
- g. This is God's will. (Saved, knowledge of the truth, thanksgiving...) (1 Tim 2:3-4, 1 Thess 5:18)
- h. One body, you are the new man (the new creature, the mystery body of Christ). (Col 3:10)

2. **The word of Christ • Colossians 3:16**

- a. **Let** the word of Christ dwell... What words? (1 Cor 14:37, 2 Tim 2:15)
- b. Unsearchable riches, the revelation of the mystery of Christ. This is Paul's message received from Christ. (Eph 3:1-6, 8, Gal 1:11-12, Rom 16:25)
- c. What was searchable? Israel's prophecy. (John 5:39, Acts 3:21)
- d. In **all wisdom** - understanding how to utilize the words. (Eph 5:17, 2 Tim 2:7, 15, Col 1:9)
- e. Teaching, admonishing, how? In this passage, singing with grace. This is the function of music in the body, to communicate and aid in understanding. (Eph 5:19-20)
- f. Words matter. What is being communicated about God? The church is the pillar and ground of the truth. (1 Tim 1:3, 1 Tim 3:16, Rom 16:17)
- g. The Devil uses words to beguile and deceive. Scripture even. (Gen 3:1-4, Mt 4:1-11, 2 Cor 11:14-15)
- h. In truth and doctrine is where unity is kept. (Eph 4:3-6)
- i. The word of God works effectually in those who believe. (1 Thess 2:13)

3. **Whatsoever ye do • Colossians 3:17**

- a. Liberty to serve the Lord, speak the truth, exercise charity. (Gal 5:1, 1 Cor 10:31-33)
- b. Strive for mastery, run to obtain (1 Cor 9:24-25, Col 3:23-24)
- c. Remember, you are not your own. Christ is your life. (Col 3:4)