

Day 4

Prayer: Start by praying to God to help in your transformation.

Scripture:

“So put everything evil out of your life: sexual sin, doing anything immoral, letting sinful thoughts control you, and wanting things that are wrong. And don’t keep wanting more and more for yourself, which is the same as worshiping a false god..”

Colossians 3:5 ERV

Explanation:

Having shown how the Christian is alive, Paul next turned to show what each member of His body must put to death, or mortify. Thomas suggest mortify means *“to dig out by the roots, and utterly destroy”*. Notice, Jesus’ followers die with Christ to become Christians and must continue to put to death wrongful desires that may come up in their lives. Fornication describes unlawful sexual relationships. Uncleanliness is moral impurity which is brought on by lustful thinking. Thayer says the word translated *“passion”* refers in the New Testament to *“depraved passion”*. A desire, craving or longing for that which is forbidden would be evil desire, according to Thayer. Covetousness might well be described as a lust for money. It makes the acquisition of material things the god of one's life, thus it can be called idolatry.

Paul indicates all those who live in the above described ways and refuse to obey God will face a predetermined end. Notice, God's wrath in judgment is reserved for those who will not obey him, not a group destined to be lost. Remember, Christians have quit living in worldliness and started living in Christ. When the Colossians lived in worldliness, they participated in some of the sins Paul had mentioned (**Colossians 3:5-6**).

Meditate:

Ponder on these questions: Have you put away evil desires from your life? Are you controlled by evil desires? Have you lusted over the wrong things? Are you thinking only on yourself? Are you being selfish? Are you thinking on others?

Prayer: Finish with a prayer asking God for wisdom to surrender all to Him.

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