

C O U N T T H E C O S T



Put To Death The Thorns And Thistles Of Sin That Choke The Life Out Of You And The Love Of God

Colossians 3:1-11 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self^[d] with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Will you put to death therefore what is earthly in you...?

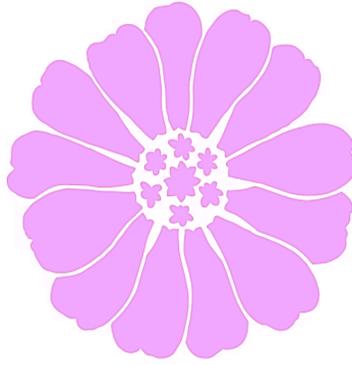
What steps have you taken to put to death what is earthly in you?

List your sins. Name them for what they are. Call them what they are.

Clearly identify who you are sinning against.

Refer to the list below. Would you take these steps?

1. Would you fast each day for the next three weeks from a choice food, a segment of sleep, one activity, your identified sins, and a form of entertainment and enjoyment?
2. Grieve over your sin. Sorrow that leads to repentance.
3. Forsake your sin. Put it to death. Stop your sin. Not just work at it but STOP it.
4. When you do commit sin that you have confessed that you would in the moment not brush it off but stop and grieve over it and ask the Lord to forgive you and ask Him to grant you the grace to not do it anymore.
5. Immerse yourself in God's Word. Would you commit to reading and praying through 3 psalms a day for 30 minutes?
6. Labor in prayer. Would you spend an additional 15 minutes in prayer for others?



Live In A Beautiful Garden Of Love And Righteousness Enjoying The Lord And Living In His Love

Colossians 3:12-17 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

What does Paul tell us to do in this passage? What would it look like for you to SING in your heart psalms and hymns and spiritual songs during the day with thankfulness in your heart. The psalms that you read and prayed through in the morning.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. What would this look like? What would it look like in your heart, in your mind, in your words, and in your deeds if you treated everyone as you would Jesus?