

Studies in Colossians

Chapter 3



Two Kinds of Believers

1 – Those who are **constantly distracted by the physical** world, but occasionally consider spiritual things.

2 – Those who are **constantly mindful of spiritual things**, but keep the physical realm firmly under their feet.

Ephesians 5:5-8

For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the **sons of disobedience**. Therefore, do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light

1 Samuel 2:12

Now the sons of Eli were **sons of Belial**; they did not know Adonai.

Four Levels of Involvement in Nature:

(*Strive For Truth*, by R' Eliyahu E. Dessler)

I – Nature Dominates

See natural causes as the dominate forces in the universe.

II – Nature is a Tool

See the hand of God in every natural event.

III – God Acts Alone

Realize that nature and its forces have no existence as such.

IV – The Happy Few

Realize that nature obscures God's glory, and wonder why there is a physical dimension at all.

Practices of the Old Self

- **Immorality**
- **Impurity**
- **Passion**
 - **Evil desire**
 - **Greed (= idolatry)**

Also...

- **Anger**
- **Wrath**
- **Malice**
- **Slander**
- **Abusive speech**

And...

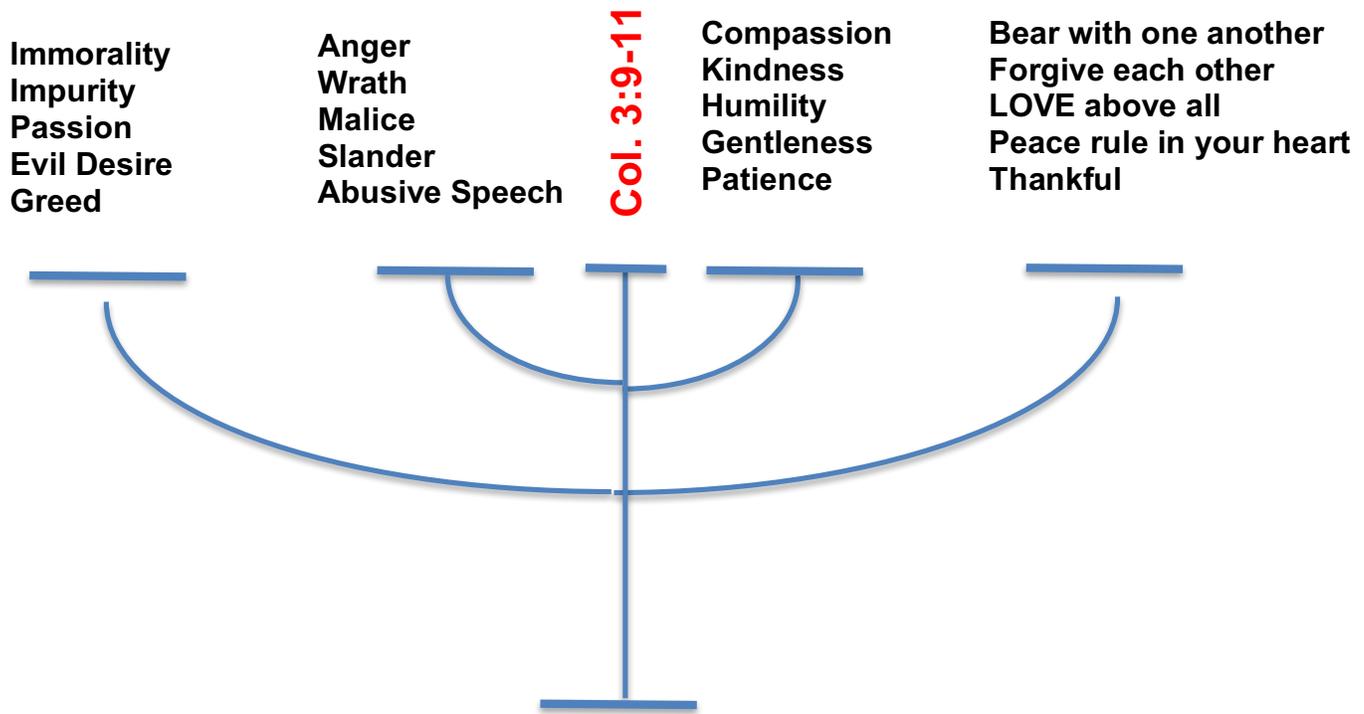
Do not lie to one another.

In Their Place, Put On ...

- Heart of Compassion
 - Kindness
 - Humility
 - Gentleness
 - Patience

And...

- **Bear** with one another...
- **Forgive** each other
- **LOVE** above all
 - Let **Peace** rule in your heart
 - Be **Thankful**



The “Oil in the Gears”

- **Psalms**
- **Hymns**
- **Spiritual Songs**
- **Singing with Thankfulness (or “grace”) in your hearts**

Roles in Life:

- **Wives**
- **Husbands**
- **Children**
- **Fathers**
- **Servants**
- **Masters**