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When we're right with God, every day is a holy day and every act is a sacred deed, because everything we do can be done for the glory of God.

Colossians 3 shows us what Monday morning religion looks like, and how to make our faith evident every day of the week.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:16-17).

We must first ask ourselves: Is what I'm doing consistent with the personality of Jesus Christ? The name and character of Jesus are inextricably interwoven. Our lives must reflect the character of Jesus if we want to carry His name. We must strive to live lives Jesus could "put His name on."

Second, we should ask ourselves: Does my life claim the power of Jesus Christ? The name of Jesus stands for power and authority. As Jesus says in John 14:14, "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

When we bring His name into our circumstances, He begins to work in them. In His name, we do all things with His authority.

As Colossians 3 continues, wives are called to submit to their husbands in the name of Jesus Christ; and husbands are to love their wives in the name of Jesus. Children are to obey in the name of Jesus, and parents are to raise their children in the name of Jesus. Also, employers are to serve in the name of Jesus.

Finally, we need to ask ourselves: Does my life culminate in the praise of Jesus Christ? What we do in His name must be for His honor and not our own. Jesus can be glorified in anything we do. Even the most mundane tasks can provide opportunities to worship Him, if only we'll praise Him as we do them.

When we do everything for the glory of God, Adrian Rogers says, "The secular is sanctified, every day is edified, and God is glorified."

Life Application

Does your Monday morning religion reflect your Sunday worship? Ask yourself these questions and begin to praise God with everything you do today.



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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) The curse of the twentieth century is Sunday morning religion because so many people only practice their religion on Sunday morning.
- b) We should come to church to worship God on Sunday, but we ought to bring our worship to church, and when we leave the building, we ought to take our worship with us.
- c) The Bible teaches that when we're right with God, every day is a holy day, every act is to be a sacred deed, and everything we do, we're to do to the glory of God.
- d) Colossians 3:16
 - i) This verse is a wonderful definition of a worship service.
- e) God wants us to worship Him because it enriches us, not Him.
 - i) If you give God your money, God is no richer. If you give God your strength, God is no stronger. If you give God your knowledge, God doesn't learn anything. God is God.
 - ii) Yet God wants us to love Him and worship Him because He is love, and love wants to give and to receive.
 - iii) God knows that we become like what we worship: If you worship idols, you become like idols. If we worship the Lord Jesus, we become like Jesus.
- f) Someone in a worship service might be able to give more than you, someone might sing better than you, someone might understand the Word of God or teach the Word of God better than you; but no one can worship better than you.
- g) It's not your duty to persuade God to bless you but to permit Him to do so. Even a child can come to church and worship God with a full and pure heart, and therefore please God and be blessed.
- h) But worship does not end when we leave the church building. Worship extends to all of life.
 - i) Colossians 3:17
 - ii) Real worship extends to every deed, every day.
 - iii) Worship is doing everything in the name of Jesus and giving God thanks for it.
 - (1) 1 Peter 4:11
 - (2) 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - iv) When we do this: the so-called secular is sanctified, the everyday is edified, and God is glorified.
- i) When you walk out of your place of worship, you go out into God's cathedral of the skies, and you can take the worship that is in your heart and carry it with you.
- j) Many make the mistake of wanting to divide life up like a pie, allotting certain slices or portions to God, like one-tenth of our money, one-seventh of our week. But when God judges your life, He's going to judge the whole pie. It all belongs to God. Every slice.



- k) Colossians 3:17 tells us there is no ground that is not holy, no time that is not sacred. In all natural things you're to be spiritual and in all spiritual things you're to be natural; therefore, you're naturally supernatural and supernaturally natural.
- l) We are not to act religions but to live for Jesus Christ in every way. We don't turn it on and don't turn it off.
- m) There needs to something called Monday morning religion, and if people would begin to live on Monday what is preached on Sunday, people would begin to believe what is preached on Sunday around the world.
- n) There are three questions you can ask yourself if you want to know what you are to be doing with your worship on Monday morning, how you can be doing everything you do in the name of Jesus.

2) IS WHAT I AM DOING CONSISTENT WITH THE PERSONALITY OF JESUS CHRIST?

- a) The name of Jesus equates with the personality of Jesus. Name and character are inextricably interwoven.
 - i) A professional baseball player might allow his name to be inscribed on a bat, endorsing it as a good product and something consistent with his personal standards. Question: Is what you're thinking about doing something that Jesus Christ could put His name on? Could Jesus sign off on it as something consistent with His character?
 - (1) Colossians 3:17
 - (2) People often want a set of rules to help them know right and wrong, but the Bible is a book of great principles rather than a book of minute laws.
 - (a) There are far too many little details in life every day to be covered by minute laws.
 - (b) You could not apply minute laws throughout the ages with all the cultural changes and advancements that occur.
 - (c) You can find loopholes in laws, but you can't find loopholes in the character of Jesus Christ.
 - (3) Some specific examples might be:
 - (a) Can I imagine Jesus watching this film?
 - (b) Would I go dressed this way if Jesus were my companion?
 - (c) Would Jesus Christ put His name on that business contract?
 - (d) Would Jesus Christ accompany you on that vacation?
 - (e) Would Jesus Christ subscribe to that magazine?
- b) Ask yourself what is consistent with the personality of Jesus and begin to live like that on Monday.

3) DOES IT CLAIM THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST?

- a) Name stands not only for personality, but it stands for power and authority.
- b) John 14:14



- i) When we bring His name into it, He begins to do it. He does help us to do it, but the way He helps is by doing it in us and through us, so He literally says, "I will do it."
- c) His name has His authority behind it.
- d) The name of Jesus represents the Lord Jesus, and when you bring Jesus' name into something, you bring Jesus Christ into it.
- e) Luke 10:17-19
 - i) In these verses are two different words for "power," and Jesus is telling those sent out to represent Him that He is giving them the power of His authority over the power of the enemy.
 - ii) When we have the power of authority, we don't need the power of strength or might.
 - (1) A 185-pound policeman can hold up his hand and stop an 18-wheeler truck not with physical power, but with authority. The power of the law is behind him, and he can say, "Stop in the name of the law."
 - (a) Who is stronger, you or Satan? Satan is. Who has more authority? You do. He's the 18-wheeler, but you're the cop.
- f) Everything you do, you're to do in the authority of Jesus Christ, in the name of Christ.
 - i) Wives, submit to your husband in the power of the name of Jesus Christ.
 - (1) Colossians 3:18
 - (2) This is not slavery or subjugation, nor is it demeaning.
 - (3) Submission is one equal voluntarily placing themselves under the authority of another equal that God may therefore be glorified.
 - (4) Men and women are equal in the sight of God.
 - (a) Galatians 3:28
 - (5) In this day of militant feminism, the only way a godly wife is going to be able to submit to her husband is in the name of Jesus, in the power of that Name.
 - ii) Husbands are to love in the name of Jesus.
 - (1) Colossians 3:19
 - (2) If the love of the wife is to be submissive love, the love of the husband is to be sacrificial and serving love.
 - (3) The word that is used for "love" here is "agape," and that means to sacrifice.
 - (a) Ephesians 5:25
 - (4) The only way husbands and wives can love one another as they should is with the Lord's authority and power in their lives.
 - iii) Children are to obey in the name of Jesus.
 - (1) Colossians 3:20
 - (a) The measure of your obedience, young person, is in all things. The motive of your obedience is to please the Lord.
 - (2) A disobedient child is not worshipping God, doesn't have Monday morning religion.
 - (3) Clean up your room in the name of Jesus. Do your homework in the name of Jesus. That's what he's saying: "Whatever you do."



- iv) Parents, raise your children in the name of Jesus.
 - (1) Colossians 3:21
 - (2) This is speaking to both parents. Children need the tender love of mother and father.
 - (3) You will be able to apply the technique of tenderness with your children in the name of Jesus.
- v) Employers serve in the name of Jesus.
 - (1) Colossians 3:22-23
 - (2) When you go to work, do it heartily, with enthusiasm, as unto the Lord. You ought to work for your boss as if he were Jesus Christ (even in a secular area of employment).
 - (3) If you have Monday morning religion, you are different from those around you on the job. And you're getting paid far more than you realize.
 - (a) Colossians 3:24
 - (b) You can't give a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus and lose your reward. Don't look at your paycheck but at the hidden paycheck. You're doing it as unto Jesus!
- vi) Question: wouldn't this city be a different place if everybody who left church on Sunday would go live this way on Monday morning?

4) DOES IT CULMINATE IN THE PRAISE OF JESUS?

- a) When you do something in His name, it means that it is for His honor, for His praise, for His glory.
- b) Does Jesus get glorified by what you do?
 - i) Jesus can be glorified by: the way you take your vacation, the way you keep your yard, the way you dress, the way you smile. Everything you do ought to glorify the Lord Jesus.
 - ii) Kids, you go off to school and perhaps you're praying for your lost professor. Are you doing your schoolwork in such a way that it brings glory to Jesus Christ so your teacher will have that testimony?
 - iii) Wife, if you're praying for your husband to be saved: Are you living in such a way that Jesus gets praised by the way you live?
 - iv) Kids who are praying for your lost parents, do you know one of the best ways that you can witness to them? Clean up your bedroom. They need to see a difference in your life, not just simply that you go to church, but that your life is radically different.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) Colossians 3:17
- b) What is worship on Monday morning? It's doing everything in the name of Jesus and giving God thanks for it.
- c) Is whatever you're doing consistent with the personality of Jesus? Does it claim and depend upon the power of Jesus? Does it culminate in the praise of Jesus? If it does, you've done it in the name of Jesus, and He is glorified.



- d) When you go to work in your office or whatever you do each day, you're glorifying Him and therefore you're worshipping Him.
- e) Your worship doesn't just simply end at church on Sunday morning, but you're carrying that worship on out: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday; and then, come Sunday, you bring your worship to church.
- f) When we do that, every day is a holy day and every place is sacred. The secular is sanctified, the everyday is edified, God is glorified!
- g) Now, you can't do anything in the name of Jesus until you are saved.
- h) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- i) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16



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Be finding the book of Colossians and if you get Colossians, Galatians, Ephesians and Philippians all mixed up, the thing that helps me is General Electric Power Company, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Find the book of Colossians and find the third chapter. Colossians chapter 3.

The curse of the twentieth century is Sunday morning religion. Now there's nothing wrong with Sunday morning religion, but the problem is that so many people have only a Sunday morning religion. Somebody wrote these words, "They're praising God on Sunday, but they'll be alright on Monday. It's just a little habit they've acquired." Well, then, we come to church to worship God on Sunday, and well we ought, but folks, we ought not simply to come to worship, we ought to bring our worship to church, and when we leave this building, we ought to take our worship with us. Because, you see, the Bible teaches that when we're right with God, every day is a holy day, every act is to be a sacred deed, and everything we do we're to do to the glory of God.

Now look in verse 16 would you please. Colossians chapter 3 and verse 16, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Now that's what we call a worship service. That's a wonderful, wonderful definition of a worship service. Read it again, "Let the Word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord." And how wonderful that is. Oh, how God wants us to worship Him. Why does God want us to worship Him? Why does God want us to do this? Does our worship enrich God? I mean, if you give God your money, God is no richer. If you give God your strength, God is no stronger. If you give God your knowledge, God doesn't learn anything. God is God, but yet God wants us to love Him and worship Him because He is love and love wants to give and love wants to receive and God wants us to worship Him, not primarily for what worship does for us or what worship does for Him, but for what worship does for us because we become like what we worship. If you worship idols, you become like idols. The man molds the idol and then the idol molds the man. If we worship the Lord Jesus, we become like the Lord Jesus.

But now, here's the wonderful thing about worship. Somebody this morning can give more money than you can, somebody can sing better than you. Somebody can understand the Word of God better than you, and some can teach the Word of God better than you, but no one can worship better than you. Think about it. No one can worship better than you. You can have all of God you want and it's not your duty to persuade God to bless you but to permit Him to do so. And, and the simplest child here can worship God with a full heart, a pure heart, and therefore please God and be blessed. So Colossians 3 verse 16 speaks of worship. It's a wonderful, wonderful command, "Letting the Word of God dwell in us richly, teaching, admonishing one another, singing and praising God in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." I love the worship service. I've been blessed by the worship service. But, worship will not end when we leave this building. Worship extends to all of life. Look if you will now in Colossians 3 verse 17. Look at it, "And," notice that's a conjunctive, it ties together verses 16 and 17, "And, whatsoever ye do," now



this is going beyond the worship service, “And, whatsoever ye do, in word or deed,” now watch this, it’s highlighted in my Bible, it ought to be in your Bible, “And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do,” a double I, “all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.” Real worship extends to all of life. Every deed, every day.

What is worship? Worship is doing everything in the name of Jesus and giving God thanks for it. Let me say that again, worship is doing everything in the name of Jesus and giving God thanks for it according to verse 17. “Well, Pastor, why is that?” Well, what is worship? Isn’t worship glorifying God? Well then if you do everything in the name of Jesus and give God thanks for it, wouldn’t that glorify God? Put these verses in your margin. First Peter chapter 4 and verse 11, “That God in all things may be glorified.” That is, in everything you do God is to be glorified.

Or here’s a great verse, boy, put this one down. First Corinthians chapter 10 verse 31, “Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” Eating your lunch today ought to be for the glory of God. Anything that you do, and after lunch today, if you get to do the dishes, doing dishes ought to be for the glory of God. One homemaker had this sign up over her kitchen sink. Divine services held here three times a day, doing dishes. That’s what the verse says, “Whether you eat or whether you drink or whatsoever you do, do it all to the glory of God.”

Now when we do this, here’s what happens; the so-called secular is sanctified, the everyday is edified, and God is glorified. The secular is sanctified, the everyday is edified, and God is glorified, “Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” Now we’ll walk out of this beautiful, spacious place of worship and we’ll walk out underneath God’s canopy, the skies. We’ll go out into the cathedral of the skies and we will take the worship that we have in our hearts right here and we will carry it with us.

Do you know the mistake that so many of us make? We want to divide life up like a pie. We just have just certain slices. We say, “Well, I’m a good Christian. So I take all of my money and I’ll divide it up like a pie and I’ll take one tenth of my money and I’ll give it to God, I’ll take a one-tenth slice, I say, ‘That belongs to God.’ Take that out and give it to God.” And then we boast, we say, “Oh, I gave a tenth of my money to God.” And then we take our time pie and we’ll say, “Well not only will I give one tenth of my money, I’ll give one seventh of my time. I’ll give God one day out of seven. I’ll go to church and Sunday will be a holy day.” And so we give God one seventh of the time pie.

I’ve got news for you, friend. When God comes to judge your life, He’s going to judge the whole pie, the whole pie. It all belongs to God. Every slice. Not just simply when you come here and put your offering in the plate, not simply when you come here and admonish one another and sing in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. He goes on to say in the next verse, in Colossians 3 verse 17, “Whatever we do, all of it is to be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.” “Whatever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.” No ground that is not holy, no time that is not sacred. In all natural things you’re to be spiritual and in all spiritual things you’re to be natural; so therefore, you’re naturally supernatural and supernaturally natural. That is, you don’t turn it on and you don’t turn it off. You don’t simply come to church to worship God, you bring your worship to God.

Have you ever heard a person who even changes his voice when he comes into church? I sit with preachers sometimes up here, you know, and before the service we’ll be carrying on a conversation and he seems like a normal guy and then he stands up to speak and he sounds like he’s got a steeple stuck



in his throat. "Well!" And I wonder what happened from here to here? We act religious. No, friend, a man of God is the same on the platform and in the motel room and at home at dinnertime. We are to live for Jesus Christ every way. We don't turn it on and don't turn it off.

You know, I hear some people pray, and I don't like to mock prayers, but sometimes they get so gooey and they say, "Lord, we come into Thy presence." I say, "Well, where have you been?" I mean, you live in God's presence. That's what he's saying. He is saying, friend, that there needs to be something called Monday morning religion and if people would begin to live on Monday what is preached on Sunday, people would begin to believe what is preached on Sunday around the world, isn't that right?

Now listen, he says, "Whatever you do," in Colossians 3 verse 17, "do all in the name of Jesus." So that poses the question. What does it mean to, "Do all in the name of Jesus?" Three things. What does it mean to do everything in the name of Jesus? That's the key, look at it in verse 17, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of Jesus." So, if you want to know what you're going to be doing Monday in the name of Jesus or when you leave this building in the name of Jesus, ask these three questions.

Number one, **is what I am doing consistent with the personality of Jesus Christ?** Is what I am doing, whatever it is, consistent with the personality of Jesus Christ? Because the name of Jesus equates with the personality of Jesus. You see, the name and the character are inextricably interwoven.

A little boy goes down to the sporting goods store to get him a baseball bat. Now he picks a particular baseball bat out because his favorite baseball hero has his name inscribed on that bat. Now, the baseball hero presumably has put his name on the bat because he says, "This bat is consistent with the way I play baseball. This bat is a good bat. This is a bat that I approve. This is a bat that I can put my name on because it is consistent with my character, my personality, my ability as a baseball player. If you get this bat, you'll know that I put my name on this bat, so this bat is a good bat because this bat represents my character, my personality, I put my name on it." Now methinks he put his name on it to get some money, but I'm just saying theoretically he put his name on that bat to say this bat is consistent with the standards that I hold, isn't that right? "I endorse it, I put my name on it."

Question: is what you're thinking about doing something that Jesus Christ could put His name on? Could Jesus Christ put His stamp on it? Could Jesus Christ say, "Yes, I'll sign off on that. Yes, I'll put My name on that. Yes, that is consistent with My personality. Yes, that is consistent with My character. Yes, that is consistent with who I am and what I am. Yes, I will sign off on that." You have no right to do anything, I said anything, that Jesus Christ can't sign His name to. You say, "Oh, good night, Pastor." That's right. You have no right to do anything, even brush your teeth, that Jesus Christ cannot sign off on and say, "What you're doing is consistent with My character."

Now listen to it, folks, Colossians 3:17, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all, do all in the name of Jesus Christ." Is it consistent with the personality of Jesus? People are always asking me, "Is it right to do this, can I do that, is this wrong?" And they want me to give them some rules. Folks, the Bible is not primarily a rule book, it is not a book of minute law, it's a book of great principles. Now if the Bible were a book of minute laws, you'd have to have a freight train to haul it around in. I mean, you think of how many little details there are in life everyday. And besides that, if it were a book of minute laws, what applies today would not apply to the first century when Paul wrote this or vice versa. Paul wrote about eating meat sacrificed to idols. We don't have that problem. But can you imagine Paul writing in the Bible, "Thou shalt



not go to an X-rated movie?" People in the first century would say, "What's an X-rated movie? I don't know what that is." You see, it wouldn't apply. If the Bible were a book of minute laws, it wouldn't apply. And I'll tell you something else. You can find loopholes in laws, but you can't find loopholes in the character of Jesus Christ.

The Bible is not a book of minute laws, it is a book of great principles and one of the greatest is the name of Jesus. "Can I sign Jesus' name to this thing? Is what I'm about to do, is it consistent with the character of Jesus Christ? Can I imagine Jesus watching this film? Would I go dressed this way if Jesus were my companion?" Some girls go outside in things they ought not to come from downstairs in. One of these gownless evening straps. Young lady, would you dress that way if Jesus Christ were your companion? Would Jesus sign off on that? Would Jesus Christ put His name on that business contract? Would Jesus Christ accompany you on that vacation? Would Jesus Christ subscribe to that magazine? Would He? You say, "That's pretty narrow." Indeed, indeed it is. "Whatever you do, do all in the name of Jesus, giving God thanks for it." Now if you can smoke that cigarette and say, "I'm doing this in Your name, thank You for this lung cancer, Lord," do it. "Whatever you do, do it in the name of Jesus." It's not a book of minute laws, it's a book of great principles. Is it consistent with the personality of Jesus Christ?

There's one of these train platforms where they had a commuter train and a little boy out there had shoelaces and apples and fountain pens and little notions he was selling. He had his little basket, all his little things there selling to the commuters there going back and forth. And one man rushing to catch the commuter train, knocked the little guy over and I mean his stuff went sprawling all over that platform and all the commuters coming by and stepping on the stuff and everything. He's trying to gather it up, his change is running across there, the man never even stopped to say, "I'm sorry," just knocked him aside and got on the train.

One man saw what happened, he put his briefcase down, he got down on his knees with the little fellow and started gathering it all up. Finally got it all together. He said, "Son, I'm so sorry that man was rude to you," and he said, "Son, here's some money to make up for it, I'm so sorry this happened to you." The little boy looked at him as the man picked up his briefcase and started off. He said, "Mister, are you Jesus Christ?" He said, "No, son, I'm not," but he said, "I'm a follower of His and I'm doing what I think He would do if He were here." That's what it is. I mean, just acting like Jesus, just living like Jesus. Is it consistent with the personality of Jesus Christ? Begin to live like that on Monday.

Now here's the second question you ask yourself if you do it all in the name of Jesus. **Does it claim the power of Jesus Christ?** Is it consistent with the personality of Jesus? Does it claim the power of Jesus? Because name stands not only for personality but it stands for power and authority. Remember what Jesus said in John chapter 14 verse 14? "If ye ask anything in My name, I will do it." When we bring His name into it, He begins to do it. He doesn't say, "If you ask in My name then I'll help you to do it." He does help us to do it, but the way He helps us to do it is by doing it in us and through us and so He literally says, "I will do it." You see, His name has His authority behind it. Your name has your authority behind it. Every time you sign a check, you put your name on the check, do you know what you're doing? You're putting your authority on that check. You're saying to the person who has that little piece of paper that's got your name on it, he can take that little piece of paper to the bank and the banker will give him some of your money because you put your name on there, isn't that right? You put your name on there, you put your authority on there. When the bank teller sees it, the bank teller says, "Yes, I have the authority to give you



some money because that man's name is on that little piece of paper." A pretty powerful thing if you can just sign your name on a little piece of paper and the bank begins to hand out some of your money. Because your name stands for authority. Now if the check bounces, they don't put the piece of paper in jail, they put you in jail, because you see the name represents you and the name of Jesus represents the Lord Jesus, and when you bring Jesus' name into something, you bring Jesus Christ into it. Now Colossians 3 verse 17 says, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of Jesus, giving God thanks by Him for it." Now, that's a very important principle, because the name of Jesus is the authority of Jesus.

Put this verse in your margin, Luke 10 verses 17 through 19. Jesus sent out seventy people to represent Him there in the early days of His ministry, and the Bible says beginning in verse 17, "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the devils were subject unto us through Thy name.'" "Even the devils, the demons were subject unto us through Thy name.' And He said unto them, 'I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven. Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.'" Now in that verse, you don't see it, but its two different words that are used for power in the Greek language. One is *dunamis* and the other is *exusia*. And what Jesus is saying is, "I give you *exusia* over all the *dunamis* of the enemy." What's the difference? *Exusia* means authority. He says, "I'm giving you authority over all the power of the enemy." King James translates, "I give you power over all the power of the enemy." But there's a slight difference because the power that Jesus gives us is the power of attorney. The power that Jesus gives us is the power of authority and when we have the power of authority, we don't need the power of strength or might.

Now here's a 185-pound policeman. He stands in the middle of the street, he's got on his uniform, he has his badge, there's an 18-wheeler truck, a semi, coming, and that policeman blows his whistle, holds up his hand, tells the truck to stop. The truck stops. What does the policeman stop the truck with? Power? Not really. Authority. I mean a 185-pound man can't stop an 18-wheeler truck if the truck driver decides he doesn't want to stop. But when the man says, "Stop," what he is saying, whether he says it out loud or not, is what? "Stop in the name of the law." Now what does that mean, in the name of the law? That means in the authority of the law, isn't that what it means? In the authority of the law. Because behind me is the precinct. Behind the precinct is the entire police force. Behind the police force is the state militia. Behind the state militia, if needed, is the National Guard. All in one man with a badge who says, "Stop in the name of the law."

Now Jesus said, "I give you authority over all the power of the enemy." Who is stronger, you or Satan? Satan is. Who has more authority? You do. He's the 18-wheeler, but you're the cop. Jesus said, "I give you authority over all the power of the enemy." Now, "Whatever you do, do all in the name of Jesus." Does it portray the personality of Jesus, does it claim the power of Jesus Christ? Now, that means everything you do, you're to do in the authority of Jesus. You're to rear your children in the authority of Jesus Christ, in the name of Christ. You are to do your homework, if you're a child, in the name, in the authority of Jesus Christ. You say, "Now, wait a minute Pastor, that's pushing religion a little far, isn't it?" No, it's not. That's exactly what he's saying. He's saying, "Whatever you do, do all in the name of Jesus Christ." Is it consistent with the personality of Christ? Does it claim the power of Christ?

Now, may I get personal a little bit? Thank you. All right, let's just flesh this out a little bit. Look in Colossians 3 verse 18. Every married woman, listen to verse 18, "**Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as it is fit, in the Lord.**" Wives, submit to your husband in the power of the name of Jesus



Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands in the power of the name of Jesus Christ. Now this is not slavery, this is not subjugation, this is not demeaning. Do you know what submission is? It is one equal voluntarily placing himself under the authority of another equal that God may therefore be glorified. Now, husband, men and women are equal in the sight of God, the Bible tells us in Galatians 3 verse 28, "In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither is there bond nor free, there's neither male nor female, for you're all one in Jesus Christ." Men and women are equal, but how, in this day of militant feminism, is a godly wife going to submit to her husband? You want me to tell you how? In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, in the power of that name.

Now let's go on down and look at Colossians 3 verse 19. **Husbands are to love in the name of Jesus.** Look in verse 19, "Husbands, love your wives and be not bitter against them." If the love of the wife is to be submissive love, the love of the husband is to be sacrificial love. And serving love. It is agape love. The word that is used for love here is agape and that means to sacrifice. The Bible says in Ephesians 5 verse 25 that, "Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it." So this verse says you're not to be the bitter half, you're to be a loving person, serving your wife.

Now, how can I do anything as Jesus did it? Only in the power of His name. The only way I can love Joyce as I ought, is to do it in the name of Jesus. And that doesn't mean to say, "Joyce, I love you in the name of Jesus," it means, "Lord, with Your authority, Your power in my life, I'll love you as I ought to love you."

Now, look again in Colossians 3 verse 20. Children are to obey in the name of Jesus. **"Children, obey your parents in all things,"** there's our word again, "in all things, for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord." The measure of your obedience, young person, is in all things. The motive of your obedience is to please the Lord; this is pleasing to the Lord. A disobedient child is not worshipping God, doesn't have Monday morning religion. Clean up your room in the name of Jesus. Do your homework in the name of Jesus. That's what he's saying. "Whatever you do." Wives, submit in the name of Jesus. Husbands, love in the name of Jesus. Children, obey in the name of Jesus.

Parents, raise your children in the name of Jesus. Look in Colossians 3 verse 21, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." And the word fathers that's translated in Hebrews says parents. It's speaking primarily to the father, but it includes the mother. And the Bible says, "We're not to provoke them." Children, little children need your tender love. Boy, I wish we had more parents who raised their kids in the name of Jesus, in the authority of Jesus, the power that Jesus gives. Poor little children, so many children are abused and broken today.

I got out a yardstick when I was preparing this sermon, went in the closet, got it out, and I put it up to me, a 3-foot yard stick came right about here, I'm 6 feet tall, and I tried to imagine my size compared to the size of a child again. Can you imagine what would happen to you, mister, if you walked out of here and a 12-foot man met you? I mean a 12-footer, and he has a big voice for telling you to do things! Good night! Can you imagine how little children feel? I mean, we're so big and so powerful. And the father, I have watched a lot of dads. I'll tell you one thing I have found out about dads. Every dad whose kid loves the daddy is a tender daddy, a tender daddy. I mean, you have strength. They want their dad to be strong, they want to brag about how strong their dad is, but when their daddy is with them, he doesn't need to be strong to them, he needs to be tender to them. To love those children, don't provoke those children, be tender, learn the technique of tenderness. How are you going to do that? In the name of Jesus.



Listen, **employees, serve in the name of Jesus.** When you go to work tomorrow morning, you go in the name of Jesus? Look in Colossians 3 verses 22 and 23, “Servants obey in all things your masters.” Notice how many times he says, “All, whatever you do, do all in the name of Jesus.” “Servants obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye service as menpleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God,” here it is again, “and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not as unto men.” How do you work tomorrow morning in the office? “Honestly,” verse 22. “Heartily,” verse 23. Do it heartily, with enthusiasm, as unto the Lord. You ought to work for your boss as if he were Jesus Christ. You say, “That two-legged devil?” That’s right. As if he were Jesus Christ.

When a man goes down to the employment agency to look for workers, he ought to say, “And by the way, if you have any Christians, send them over. I don’t understand these Christians. They get to work on time, they don’t complain, they work hard, they serve, they go the extra mile, they’re sacrificial, they’re honest, I can trust them with anything. Well, man, you’d think they think I’m God. I don’t know what they have, but boy they’re different from anybody else.” Are you different from those around you on the job? You are if you have Monday morning religion. I mean, again, can you imagine the influence this would be? Whatever you do, he says, in your secular employment, do it as unto the Lord. You say, “Well I’m not getting paid enough for that?” You’re getting paid far more than you realize. Notice Colossians 3 verse 24, “Knowing that of the Lord, ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance, for ye serve the Lord God.” You can’t give a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple and lose your reward. Don’t look at that paycheck, look at that hidden paycheck. You’re doing it as unto Jesus! Question; wouldn’t this city be a different place if everybody left church this morning to go live this way on Monday morning? I mean, if wives lived this way, if husbands lived this way, if children lived this way. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if employers and employees lived this way?

Now, what does it mean to do everything in the name of Jesus? Well ask this question; is it consistent with the personality of Jesus? Number two, does it claim the power of Jesus? Number three, and here it is finally, quickly, **does it culminate in the praise of Jesus?** Now again, to do something in His name means for His praise. Over in Israel somewhere there’s a grove of trees, they’ve been planted. Do you know what the name of that grove of trees is? It is the Adrian Rogers grove of trees because some of my Jewish friends know the great love that I have for the nation Israel. And they said, “Pastor Rogers, we’re going to plant a grove of trees in Israel in your name.” Now what does that mean, in my name? That means for your honor and I’m grateful for the honor. For your honor.

Now, when you do everything in the name of Jesus, it must be for His honor, for His praise, for His glory. That’s what it means to do it in the name of Jesus. Now, let me ask you a question. Does Jesus get glorified by what you do? Jesus can be glorified by the way you take your vacation. Jesus can be glorified by the way you keep your yard. Jesus can be glorified by the way you dress. Jesus can be glorified by the way you smile. Everything you do ought to glorify the Lord Jesus.

Again, kids, you go off to school and you’re praying for your lost professor or your lost teacher, praying, “Oh God, bring my teacher to Jesus Christ.” Well, what about your homework? Are you doing your homework in such a way that the way you do your homework brings glory to Jesus Christ so your teacher will have that testimony? Wife, you’re praying for your husbands to be saved? Are you living in such a way that Jesus gets praised by the way you live? Some of you kids are praying for your lost parents. Do you know one of the best ways that you can witness to your lost parents? Clean up your bedroom. You know,



one woman went in there to clean up her son's bedroom and the vacuum cleaner threw up. When you get saved down here at home and you go back and say, "Mom and Dad, you need to be saved," they need to see a difference in your life, don't you think so? Not just simply your coming down here to Bible study on Sunday, but going back on Monday and living a radically different life.

Now look at Colossians 3 verse 17 again, "Now whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." What is worship on Monday morning? It's doing everything in the name of Jesus and giving God thanks for it. Is it consistent with the personality of Jesus? Does it claim and depend upon the power of Jesus? Does it culminate in the praise of Jesus? If it does, you've done it in the name of Jesus and He is glorified. And then when you go to work tomorrow in your office or whatever you're doing, you're glorifying Him and therefore you're worshipping Him and your worship doesn't just simply end here on Sunday morning with admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs and whatever you do, however, you're carrying that worship on out, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and then come Sunday you bring your worship to church.

Now folks, when we do that, the secular is sanctified, the everyday is edified, God is glorified. Every day is a holy day. Every place is a sacred place, and, "Whatever you do in word or deed," Paul said, "do all for the glory of God." Isn't that neat? Praise God.

Bow your heads in prayer. Heads are bowed and eyes are closed. Now, you can't do anything in the name of Jesus until you are saved. I mean, this is for Christians, so heads are bowed and eyes are closed. "Pastor, I cannot say I absolutely know if I died I'd go to Heaven. But if a person can know it, I want to know it." Well, friend, you can. The Bible says in First John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe in the name of the Son of God, that you might know that you have eternal life." You can know it, if you'll believe on the name of the Son of God.

So while heads are bowed and eyes are closed, let me help you to get it settled right now. Would you pray like this? "Lord, I know that You love me, but I'm a sinner and my sin has separated me from You. And my sin deserves judgment, but I need to be saved and I want to be saved. Jesus, I believe that You paid my sin debt with Your blood on the cross. I believe that God raised You from the dead. I believe You're the Son of God. You've promised to save me if I would trust You. I do trust You, right now, this moment, right this very moment, come into my heart. I receive You now as my personal Lord and Savior. I receive You by faith. I don't ask for a sign, I don't look for a feeling, I receive You by faith. I stand on Your Word. I trust You to save me, and I will follow You all the rest of my life if You will only help me. Begin now to make me the person You want me to be. Begin now, and give me the courage to make this public. Help me not to be ashamed of You. In Your name I pray, Amen.



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