PERSONAL NOTES

Big Idea to Remember

A life of extraordinary faithfulness is cultivated through ordinary acts of obedience to Christ.

"*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,*
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through Him."
Colossians 3:17



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A LONG OBEDIENCE:
Faithful in the Ordinary
Colossians 3:17-24

SERMON NOTES

Honor Christ in Everything — v. 17

Our new identity in Christ is meant to reshape everything we say and do, bringing every part of life under His lordship.

Obedience to Christ is our grateful response to God's grace, expressed through the ordinary activities of everyday life.

There is no part of life too ordinary to be lived for the glory of Christ.

Demonstrate Christ in Our Relationships — vv. 18-21

Faithfulness in Marriage

God's design for marriage joins equal dignity with complementary responsibilities; Christ calls a husband and a wife to reflect His character in their relationship.

Faithfulness is expressed through self-giving love, humility, forgiveness, and the daily keeping of our commitments

Faithfulness in Parenting and Family Life

Children honor Christ through obedience, while parents honor Him by exercising their authority with wisdom, patience, and love.

Our closest relationships should reveal some of the clearest evidence of Christ's transforming work in our lives.

Our closest relationships are among the primary places where Chrsitian discipleship is practiced..

Serving Christ in Our Responsibilities — vv. 22-24

Whatever responsibilities God entrusts to us, we are called to fulfill them with integrity, sincerity, and wholehearted devotion to Christ.

Our faithful service matters to the Lord, even when it goes unnoticed by others. Our ultimate reward is the inheritance secured for us in Christ.

Ordinary work takes on extraordinary significance
when it is done in faithfulness to Christ.

FIVE MINUTES IN GOD'S WORD

A Seven-Day Bible Reading Plan

Five minutes. One passage. With God.

- **Monday: Putting On the New Self**
  Read: Colossians 3:1-16
  Reflect: How should my new identity in Christ shape my attitudes, words, and actions throughout an ordinary day?
- **Tuesday: Love that Reflects Christ**
  Read: Ephesians 5:21-33
  Reflect: How can Christ's sacrificial love shape the way I fulfill my responsibilities in marriage and other close relationships?
- **Wednesday: Faithful Begins at Home**
  Read: Psalm 128:1-6
  Reflect: How does walking in the fear of the Lord influence the way I nurture and care for those closest to me?
- **Thursday: Nurturing the Next Generation**
  Read: Ephesians 6:1-4
  Reflect: How can I encourage the next generation toward faithful obedience to Christ through my words, example, and care?
- **Friday: Honoring God in Our Plans**
  Read: Proverbs 16:1-9
  Reflect: What would it look like to entrust my daily plans and responsibilities to the Lord rather than relying solely on my own understanding?
- **Saturday: Serving with the Strength God Provides**
  Read: 1 Peter 4:7-11
  Reflect: How can I use the gifts and opportunities God has entrusted to me to serve others faithfully and bring glory to Him?
- **Sunday: Not Losing Heart**
  Read: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18
  Reflect: How does the eternal hope we have in Christ encourage me to persevere when life's circumstances become difficult or discouraging?