

COLOSSIANS by Ps Larry Elliott

Chapter 3b

😊 True Spiritual maturity always displays itself in a FRESH perspective on things, A HEALTHY attitude and BETTER relationships.

So if we are growing in Christ we are going to be FRESHER, HEALTHIER & BETTER!

Chapter One

“ROOTS” & Foundations



A tall tree can only stand tall and firm because of the strong root system which supports it.

Chapter Two

“RELATIONSHIPS” and who we Fellowship with!

Chapter Three

“RESPONSIBILITY” building our INNER LIVES!

Colossians 3:1-2 NKJV “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

How to BUILD (maintain) YOUR INNER-LIFE, so we can grow and walk in Victory!

1. SEEK to SET your mind on things above and KEEP it SET (Not on the Earth)
LIKE A “remote” set to your desired channel!
2. Victory requires a FRESH Attitude
Growing the FRUIT of the SPIRIT so we live in the spirit and not the FLESH.
Galatians 5:25 NKJV “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”
3. The importance of Self-Control / Discipline
This enables us to keep good things IN and bad things OUT.
4. Spirit Led Management

In our first point of how we build our inner life, we mentioned choosing to be Spirit Led, this leads to a LIFESTYLE of managing our lives by Grace.

God doesn't want to deprive us of enjoying life, having a good time or being successful, but He does want us to manage our lives in a wise, healthy and Godly fashion.

Romans 7:6 NKJV “But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the **newness** of the Spirit and not in the **oldness** of the letter.”

E.g. Because I serve God in the Newness of the Spirit, I'm free to do what I like and therefore I choose to make good CHOICES.

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! It's very important to understand that we are all different, we have different Personalities, Gifts and Interests. Therefore we can each THINK ABOUT how we apply the Word to our lives and situation (there's no one thing fits all in the Kingdom)

It's about enjoying my RELATIONSHIP with Jesus, rather than focusing on a TO DO LIST.

Romans 8:1-2 NKJV "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

- We need to learn discernment because it may convict us of an area that needs attention.
- What someone shares with you from the Word or their experience of the Word, it should encourage you, uplift you, minister life to you and not put you into bondage or condemnation.

Proverbs 16:9 NKJV "A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps."

E.g. Trip to DRC

This is what we are talking about:

Spirit: It's the Holy Spirit "Bearing Witness" with our Spirit (**Romans 8:16**)

John 16:13 NKJV "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will **guide** you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

Guide: a conductor of a Symphony or a Tour guide. (Someone who has already been there)

🔥 He is the Spirit of TRUTH so He will GUIDE you into all Truth.

Led: **Romans 8:14 NKJV**

Ago & Agos

Here they use Ago: To be led by laying hold of...

...to attach oneself as an attendant.

"Being led like a lamb to the slaughter"

He's leading us but we are out in front!

Management: is organizing, planning, controlling, and directing resources in order to achieve a desired outcome.

Agos: means to be in agony over or as in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus was "Sorrowful and deeply distressed"

There's this conflict we have with our flesh which doesn't want to be "LED"

5. Find God's good plan and place for YOU

Get your mind renewed

Romans 12:1-2 NKJV "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not

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be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

To renew is to "renovate" which implies a restoration to freshness or its original state.

As we renew our minds we recover the many possibilities of our NEW LIFE (like updates on a computer or smart phone)

Renewing our minds with the WORD transforms us and helps us to change:

- A. Our thoughts, (what we think)
- B. Our purposes, (why we think things)
- C. Our actions, (what we do with what we think)

This is what KEEPS us on COURSE.

Renewing your mind will:

1. Renovating your old thought patterns
2. Reminding yourself who you are In Christ
3. Re-Wiring your faulty thinking to align with His Word

How to Renew your mind:

- a. **Read** your Bible DAILY, (preferably FIRST THING - START TODAY).
- b. **Re-Enforce** this by ongoing Word based input.
(Meditation means to think and contemplate over and over)
- c. **Memorize** Scripture. (Especially reminding yourself of WHO you are In Christ)
- d. **Confess** the Word and be Positive.
- e. **Practice** what you read and learn.
(Interrupt negativity and don't let it grip you)

Keep the right perspective on discipline

Hebrews 12:11 NKJV "Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

- a. Discipline is your friend
- b. Love her, she will lift you up

Agree with God

Ephesians 4:17-24 NKJV "This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."



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