

1. This chapter, 3:1-25, and the first six verses of chapter four are considered to be the hortatory (exhortation) section of the Colossian epistle. This section is divided as follows:

1. Colossians 3:1-4: The Colossians are exhorted to a lofty spiritual life.
2. Colossians 3:5-8: They are told to put off their old vices: IMPURITY; MALICE; FILTHY COMMUNICATION ETC.
3. Colossians 3:9-14: Put on the new man: Mercies, kindness; humbleness; Meekness ETC.
4. Colossians 3:15-17: They are exhorted to let the Christ be their sovereign ruler.
5. Colossians 3:18-25; 4:1:
He exhorts all Christians to the discharge of their relative duties.
6. Colossians 4:2-6: Paul exhorts to constant prayer. Especially for Paul and his workers. To wise conduct and edifying speech toward them that are without.

2. THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE HIGHER SPIRITUAL LIFE.

- 1. "Seek those things which are above." What are the above things?
1. All things pertaining to our new home...The New Jerusalem. John 14:1-6
 2. THEY ARE TO BE SOUGHT: implies:
 - (1) Our knowledge of them. We never seek for things of which we have no knowledge.
 - (2) Our longing for them. Hebrews 11:8-10
 - (3) Our anxious effort to realize them. Matt. 6:33
2. We should set our mind on things above because:
1. There is nothing else worth our serious thought. Matt. 16:26; 1-John 2:15-17
 2. Seeking those things above will keep you from over-anxiety about the affairs of this life. Phil. 4:11-
 3. Seeking those things above will make the thought of death more pleasant as we move rapidly toward the narrow house. Phil. 1:23

