

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

Do you feel there is something not quite right inside of you? Now, I am not talking about a medical problem, but I am asking if you feel something is kind of wrong with your life. The Lord Jesus told His disciples in **John 15 :3** **Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.** Is that what it is? You just somehow want to be clean inside.

In **Colossians 3:16**, we read -

**16 Let the word [spoken by] Christ (the Messiah) have its home [in your hearts and minds] and dwell in you in [all its] richness, as you teach and admonish and train one another in all insight and intelligence and wisdom [in spiritual things, and as you sing] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody to God with [His} grace in your hearts.** There is a key to having what I would call “a great day.” People are always saying to me, “Have a great day!” and I think, “I wonder what they are really thinking.” The real key is in **verse 17** —

**17 And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in - and notice this - [dependence upon] His Person . . . Do you know what that means ? That means what you think you can do, you cannot do!**

*He is saying to be dependent on Him in everything, whatever it is. Therefore, He gets the glory of that timing of what He is doing through you. . . .* **in dependence upon His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.** Yes, you have a great day when you live pleasing Christ in everything. Nothing can ever enter into the life of a believer but what infinite love allows. So whatever is happening in your life, start to depend on Him. Start to say, *Thank You, Lord,* instead of, *Please, please, please.* Oh, be thankful! Be thankful and praise Him in the worst situation and the best situation, but depend on Him.

This **chapter 3** goes on to speak about the wives. This is a very practical chapter. It has been well said that a wedding is not a ceremony that is to be lightly entered into. Some people run down the aisle and have no idea what is involved.

**18 Wives, be subject to your husbands [subordinate and adapt yourselves to them], as is right and fitting and your proper duty in the Lord.** For the believer, it is a solemn decision to enter into a marriage. You enter in “for better or for worse, ‘til death do you part.”

The husband is the covering of the wife. Before the Lord, that is His wonderful plan. For the wife of many years, I have encouragement to tell you that as he has covered you, so he has protected you perhaps from levels of satanic intrusion that you had

no idea about. When a child is going wild, I often ask the mother, “Are you submitting to that covering?” Because, if not, the whole line of the family goes out of control. In **1 Peter 3: 1-6**, we read encouraging verses. For you who have time and want to know further, because you have personal reasons to know more, please do read those verses. There are other Scriptures that you can follow through on. But Scripture does show there is a place where death is or its equivalent, which is the infidelity of a husband or wife as grounds for the termination of a marriage contract, making the other party free to remarry. Apart from this, you are called together. Only Christ — only Christ — can be all in all in a marriage. You love Christ and, through Christ, you love your partner. You will find that together you are drawn in the Spirit and marriage works. God planned it to work.

**Colossians 3:19 -**

**19 Husbands, love your wives [be affectionate and sympathetic with them] and do not be harsh or bitter or resentful toward them.** The husband is to show the love of Christ in His dealings with his wife, which God has given to be literally dependent on Him. She is the weaker vessel. He is to show that love which is like Christ giving honor, always realizing they are heirs together of the grace of life. Holiness and happiness. They go together hand in hand. They go together when the Word of God dominates the life in total dependence upon and repeated fresh

infilling of the Holy Spirit. When something has to be put right, make it right. Know the cleansing. Know the fresh infilling. The binding of a couple as they are reading the Word together, praying for one another, and together in Christ can be clean through the Word Jesus speaks to them. Oh, may that be so for your marriage! Pray that God will work in your marriage this day for His glory.

*In His precious Name. Amen.*