

Doing everything for the main thing

Colossians 3:17

- I. What? Everything – Everything I do matters (Colossians 3:17a).
 - A. *Word*: Whatever I say is guided by my life purpose.
 - B. *Deed*: Whatever I do is guided by my life purpose.
 - What guides or drives what you do? (Pleasing others? Money? Fear/emotions? Fun/Pleasure?)

- II. For whom? Jesus – Since I am united with Jesus, I represent Him in all I do or say (Colossians 3:17b).
 - *...Do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus*
= Do everything in light of your union with Jesus (Colossians 3:1-4).

Because you are united with Jesus Christ...

 - Please Him (Colossians 1:10; 4:18, 20, 23).
 - Submit to Him (Colossians 1:18; 3:18, 20, 22).
 - Teach about Him, His words (Colossians 1:28; 3:16).
 - Imitate Him (Colossians 2:6-7; 3:13-14).
 - Represent Him to others (Colossians 1:27; 4:3).

- III. How? Gratefully – When I seek to represent Christ in everything I do, I can be grateful for everything (Colossians 3:17c).
 - *Giving thanks to God the Father through HIM (Jesus Christ)!*