

## Smallest Act

*“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Colossians 3:17).*

In today’s society, we pay little attention to names. But the ancient world, a man’s name was of the utmost importance. During Old Testament days, God changed a person’s name because of some important experience or some new development. The smallest act has significance in the Christian life. Why? Because bearing the name of Jesus is a great privilege, and a tremendous responsibility.

The “whatever you do in word or deed” is without limit. Its a phrase that demands our attention. When we act upon God’s Word, it will always magnify Jesus Christ in our life. That’s why Paul gives us exhortations concerning what the word or deeds are in Colossians 3:8-11:

*“But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, [and] abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its [evil] practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him”*

Only by the power and help of the Holy Spirit can you behave or respond in this manner. As a believer you are to seek and set your mind on the things above instead of the things that are on earth. The fulfilling this command is simply this, let others to see the Lord Jesus Christ living through you.

Whatever you do in word covers everything you do by means of communication or language. Jesus had a lot to say about what comes out of our mouth. The tongue is so little, so powerful, yet it is so difficult to control. It is small, and very, very dangerous thing.

Jesus gives a warning to be careful before you speak in Matthew 12:35-37, *“The good man out of [his] good treasure brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of [his] evil treasure brings forth what is evil. 36 “And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. 37 “For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.”*

The word for deed is also translated as work, action and behavior. In other words, your actions communicate louder than what you say. This includes the activities of your daily life (work, home, shopping, etc.). God does not want us to treat anything as insignificant or without value. Think about this truth...the smallest act has significance in the Christian life.

God has a way for us to act in every relationship. Everything we say and do are to be put under the Lordship of Christ. I think we can all agree it takes a lot of hard work to let others see Jesus living through us. All that you do is to be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

You are to live your life in a manner that is consistent with His character and will. Early on in my walk with Christ my pastor said, "You are always on. You are always visible. Your actions will always speak louder than words."

Its hard to break habits and to become transformed by the renewing of our mind. Yet, we are called to walk with a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience and even bear with one another (Galatians 5:22-23).

Everything you do should be motivated by your relationship to Him. Your identity is in Christ and everything you do is for Christ. Are you seeing this? Whatever you do means everything you do and everything you say. You must honor God in whatever you do for God alone is your Judge and the One to whom you will give account of your life.

Take some time today and over the weekend to examine your life. Look at whether or not parts of you honor Colossians 3:17, and ask the Lord to help you!

You need to make sure whatever you do - is worthy of His name.

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