

## RCMI L-Path Teaching

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**TITLE:** IT'S ALL ABOUT CHRIST (Judge of all Conduct)

**BIG IDEA:** The struggle of living a Godly life is real. But there is a bigger reality that is above all and is all, and that is Jesus Christ. That reality will enable us to successfully live our Christian life.

**VERSE:** Colossians 3:1-17 (NLT)

*1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. 5 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. 6 Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. 7 You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. 8 But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. 9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. 10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. 11 In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us. 12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. 13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. 16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. 17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.*

### INTRODUCTION:

- One of the key struggles of a Christian is to live a Godly life. To be good.
- Many wanted to change and have tried to change, but for different reasons failed and went back to their old life.
- Some people put rules, but in the end, they found it hard to follow.
- We often hear, "Gusto kong bumait pero di ko magawa". "I want to be good, but I can't do it."
- What about you? What is your key struggle in your Christian life? (Short sharing)
- If you are experiencing struggles to live a Godly life, don't lose heart. Christ is the key.

### IT'S ALL ABOUT CHRIST (Living a Godly Life)

1. Focus on where you want to go.

- a. Read verses 1 to 4.
- b. As Christians, we want to be with Christ. “You have been raised...”, which means we experienced Christ already in our life.
- c. If we truly experienced Christ in our life, we would love to be with Him.
- d. Heaven is where Christ is. He is sits at the right hand of God.
- e. Have we ever thought what our first day in heaven will be?
- f. What will be the first thing you will do when you meet Christ?
- g. Being in heaven with Christ will be the greatest experience we will ever have.
- h. That alone will drive us to live a Godly life. Because we know we need to prepare.
- i. That is why Paul said, “set your sights on the realities of heaven...Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.”
- j. Paul wants us to focus, to prepare our lives for heaven. That is why we will live a Godly life. (magpapakasama ka pa ba if alam mo pupunta ka sa langit?)
- k. Focus on where Christ is.

## **2. Focus on what you need to do.**

- a. Read verses 5 to 11.
- b. Christian life should be the reality of our daily life. We cannot live 2 different lives. (Hindi natin pwede ihiwalay ang pagiging Kristyano sa pang araw-araw nating buhay.)
- c. To live a Godly life means to put to death the old one, which is the sinful life.
- d. There are 2 kinds of sin:
  - i. Sin of the flesh
    1. Sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires (pagnanasa), kill it. Have nothing to do with it.
  - ii. Sin of the heart
    1. Anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, dirty language, lies, kill it. Get rid of it.
- e. Sin are things that we do not need to do.
- f. How can we overcome sin? We need to do what we need to do, which is Godly life.
- g. We need to replace the sinful life with a Godly life.
  - i. *v10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.*
- h. Simply stopping from sinning will not work. We need to replace it with something that is good. We need to become like Christ.
- i. Read verses 12 to 15
  - i. Clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
  - ii. Forgive anyone who offends you.
  - iii. Clothe yourselves with love.
  - iv. Let peace rule in your hearts (this speaks unity)
  - v. Always be thankful.
- j. These are the things we need to do, the Godly things.
- k. And we can't have excuses.

- i. *v11 In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.*
  - ii. We cannot say we are not Jew, that we don't know God before.
  - iii. We cannot say we are not circumcised, that we don't know the traditions of being a Christian.
  - iv. We cannot say we are barbaric, uncivilized, that we do things by instinct.
  - v. We cannot say we were slaves before, that we can only experience the pleasures of life now.
  - vi. No, we cannot have excuses because Christ is all that matters.
  - vii. If we have Christ living in us, that is enough. We can change. And we will change.
- I. Focus on being Christlike.

### **3. Focus on what you need to learn.**

- a. Read verses 16 to 17
- b. A Godly life is a life of learning. Never stop receiving from God.
- c. The message of the Bible is rich with new things that will give us wisdom.
- d. The more we receive the message of God, the more we become stronger Christians.
- e. One problem why Christians stop living a Godly life is because they stop learning. They stop reading the Word, they stop praying.
- f. Never neglect attending our services (Sun, Wed, Sat). Never neglect your fasting and prayer. Never neglect your LPath and Bible study groups.
- g. Never neglect worship. Never neglect giving thanks to God.
- h. Fill your lives with God's Word.
- i. Focus your time with the Word.
- j. The more you know God, the better.

### **CONCLUSION:**

- We have many reasons not to live a Godly life. But there is only one reason why we need to, and that is Jesus Christ.
- That one reason is more than enough to drive us to be good.
- Christian life is all about Christ.
- Remember, Christ is our ultimate Judge. He sees what we are doing, and he will judge us.
  - *2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.*
- Yes, there will be some struggles. But if we have the right focus in Christ, it will be possible.
- We can live a Godly life all because of Christ.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. Where do we want to increase your focus?
2. What help do you need to live a more Godly life?