

Your perspective is the way you see something. A simple definition for “perspective” is “a point of view.” In Colossians 3, Paul was encouraging the believers to live with an eternal, Christ-centered perspective in life. We see that when you believe Jesus is supreme and sufficient in everything, it changes your perspective! Continuing our study, today we learn this key thought:

As a follower of Jesus Christ, your perspective should be determined by God’s Word and strengthened by worship that is biblical.

TRUTHS FROM COLOSSIANS 3:16-17

1. God’s word should permeate and govern your life

- **Dwell** is from *enoikeō* and means “to live in,” or “to be at home.”
- *Plousiōs* (**richly**) could also be translated “abundantly or extravagantly rich.”

2. Worship flows from your interaction with God’s Word

The participles “teaching” and “admonishing” are imperative in force. They exhort. “Admonishing” is *noutheteō* (*νουθετεω*), “to warn, exhort, admonish.” The word contains the ideas of encouragement, reproof, and blame, as well.

- Singing involves teaching based in God’s Word. **Teaching** is the impartation of positive truth.
- Singing involves admonishing from God’s Word. **Admonishing** is the negative side of teaching. It means to warn people of the consequences of their behavior.

3. Grace and gratitude energize Spirit filled singing when the church gathers for worship

Translation. The word of Christ, let it be at home in you in abundance; with wisdom teaching and admonishing each other by means of psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, with the grace singing in your hearts to God. And all, whatever you do in the sphere of word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, constantly giving thanks to God the Father through Him. *Kenneth Wuest*

Application: (verse 17)

A 5 fold prayer: Lord, let my...

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| 1. Agenda reveal the identity of Jesus Christ. | “do in word” |
| 2. Energies be spent for Christ and His glory. | “do in deed” |
| 3. Efforts rely on the authority of Jesus. | “do in name of Jesus” |
| 4. Attitude reflect a heart of grace and gratitude. | “giving thanks” |
| 5. Actions reflect my affection for Jesus Christ. | “to God through Him” |