

# JESUS FOLLOWERS PUT SINFUL DESIRES TO DEATH

## **BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS PUT SINFUL DESIRES TO DEATH**

Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:18; Jude 1:16; Psalm 37:4

### **BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 3:5**

*“Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”*

### **BIG IDEAS**

- Lust must die.
- Covetousness must die.
- Idolatry must die.

### **BIBLE PASSAGE: COLOSSIANS 3:5-7**

### **KNEEL - I AM AN IMAGE BEARER**

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28). Worship is not something that is limited to a service once a week, but instead occurs every day, in all of life. We are unceasing worshipers. Worship never stops, it only changes directions. In order to worship God with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind, we must embrace our identity as image bearers. It is out of that identity that we can begin to live for God’s glory in all of life (Colossians 3:17).

### **SERIES AIMS**



#### **Every student should know that...**

- They exist for God’s glory
- The life of a Jesus follower is a life of constantly pursuing being more like Christ.



#### **Every student should feel...**

- A deep love for God’s Word.
- Humbled that God would use us to make Him known.



#### **Every student should strive to...**

- Spend time each day studying God’s Word and letting it shape their thoughts, feelings, and actions.
- Flee temptation and strive to “put off” sinful desires, thoughts, and actions.



#### **Every student should want...**

- To have a healthy fear of the Lord that leads them to walk in His wisdom.
- To pursue Christlikeness in their attitudes, desires, thoughts, and actions.
- To walk in and model a life of purity because God is pure.

### **FAMILY WORKOUT:**

This week we will consider how to model for our son or daughter putting to death evil desires. We will pray for wisdom to lead our son or daughter to identify covetousness in their hearts. We will help our son or daughter practice pursuing holiness and putting to death evil desires.

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**Read and meditate on Colossians 3:5-7 this week.**

- Consider how you can model pursuing purity this week. How can you lead your son or daughter to recognize idols in their hearts? What habits or disciplines can you share with your son or daughter to help them put to death evil desires? How can you lead them to identify covetousness in their hearts?
- Ponder how you can lead your son or daughter to recognize feelings of lust in their hearts. How can you discuss with them the importance of purity and why sexual immorality is a sin against our God and our bodies?



**Set aside time to pray for your son or daughter this week.**

- Pray for wisdom to guide them to identify and put to death any idols in their hearts. Pray for discernment to lead them to recognize the evil desires ruling their lives.
- Pray with your son or daughter this week. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to put away any idols in their hearts and to pursue purity. Pray with them to choose the pursuit of purity over giving into the temptation to sexual sin.



**Share with your son or daughter some of the idols you've had in your heart.**

- Discuss with him or her how you have put those idols to death and the Scriptures that have helped you. Discuss with them how they can recognize and put to death idols in their own hearts.
- Spend time talking with your son or daughter about lust. Help them define lust according to God's Word and identify the temptations they face in their daily lives. Strive to establish a healthy line of communication regarding lust and what God's Word says about it.
- Help your student identify Scriptures that speak to their struggles with lust, covetousness, and idolatry. Guide them to memorize the scriptures and to rely upon God's Word to help them overcome temptations.