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Galatians 5:19-21; Romans 7:15-24; Psalm 106:39; Proverbs 13:16; Romans 1:27

BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 3:8-9

"But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices..."

BIG IDEAS

- Anger and evil speech must die.
- Deceit must die.
- Status and distinction must die.

BIBLE PASSAGE: COLOSSIANS 3:8-11

KNEEL - I AM AN IMAGE BEARER

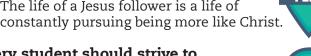
The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28). Worship is not something that is limited to a service once a week, but instead occurs every day, in all of life. We are unceasing worshipers. Worship never stops, it only changes directions. In order to worship 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 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 feel...

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



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.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it means to put to death sinful actions in our lives. We will pray for a greater recognition and understanding of our sinful actions and we will practice putting to death the earthly, fleshly things in our hearts.

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Read and meditate on Colossians 3:8-11 this week.

- As you ponder these verses, consider the sinful actions that you need to put to death in your own life. What anger and evil speech do you need to die to in order to glorify God with your life? How do you allow anger to fester in your heart and lead you away from seeking God's glory? How do you seek distinction on earth instead of looking toward the coming of Christ's kingdom?
- Consider how you can put off lying and obscene talk. How can your speech be life-giving and pleasing to God? How can you build up with your speech instead of tearing down? How can you see others as sinners just like you instead of viewing others as less than or yourself as greater?



Spend time praying every day this week.

- In your prayer time, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the sinful actions that you need to put to death. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to any blind spots in your life or ways that you are deceitful or participate in gossip. Repent of these actions and pursue Christ above all.
- Spend time praying with your parent or small group leader this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to view all people as image bearers. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you have a right view of yourself and to help you put to death the desire for status.



Read through Colossians 3:8-11.

- Think through your own life and the works of the flesh listed in these verses. Write down any of the ways you are guilty of these works of the flesh. Evaluate your daily life. In what ways are you not trustworthy? How do you let anger rule your heart and life? In what ways do you seek status and distinction? Write down specific areas and ways you can put these things to death and commit to practice putting them to death daily.
- Set up a time to discuss with your parent or small group leader the ways you can specifically put to death the works of the flesh you struggle with daily. Ask your parent or small group leader for accountability and help in practicing this daily.