

Sunday, July 25, 2021—Colossians 3:17 Whatsoever Ye Do

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- **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.**
- **Whatsoever**—Noah Webster’s *American Dictionary of the English Language* defines “[whatsoever](#)” as follows:
 - “a compound of what, so, and ever, has the sense of whatever, and is less used than the latter.”
- The idea behind this word is everything or every single thing, whatever it is, or regardless of what it might be, believers should do it in a manner so as to give the Lord the credit and thanksgiving.
 - I Thessalonians 5:14-15, 18, 21, 21-22, 26-27
- **In word or deed**—there are two ways in which believers express themselves in “word or deed” i.e., what we say and what we do.
- **Word**—is dealing with the things we communicate or say with our mouths.
 - Colossians 4:3—“utterance”
 - Colossians 4:6—“speech”
 - Ephesians 4:29—“corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth.”
 - I Thessalonians 2:5
- Colossians 3:17—is speaking about “whatsoever” or everything that comes out of mouths.
- **Deed**—consider the meaning of the English word “[deed](#)” from Noah Webster’s *American Dictionary of the English Language*.
 - “That which is done, acted or effected; an act; a fact; a word of extensive application, including whatever is done, good or bad, great or small.”
- So, a “deed” is anything done, or action taken that effects something or someone else. The Greek word rendered “deed” in Col. 3:17 is variously rendered by the King James translators as follows:
 - Work—152x
 - Deed—22x

- Doing—1x
- Labour—1x
- Colossians 3:23—Paul is talking about every single thing we do. Your life has eternal significance even in the small and seemingly mundane things.
 - The high calling of our daily work.
- Colossians 3:17—every individual thing (“whatsoever”) that believers say and do adds up to a sum total of many things; therefore Paul says, “do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Don’t miss Paul’s point, every single thing and all things are to be done in the name of the Lord Jesus. Paul is leaving no room for believers to say or do a single thing which cannot be said or done in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- The application of this Christ-honoring principle should cause us to be slow and careful before we speak and act. The supreme test is whether or not what we are about to say or do can be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- Colossians 3:16—the word of Christ dwelling in us richly equips us to “do all in the name of the Lord Jesus” in verse 17.
- **giving thanks to God and the Father by him**—not only is everything we say and do to be identified with the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, which as we have seen is identification with His person, but through Him we are to continually be giving thanks to God the Father.
 - Colossians 3:15
- Ephesians 5:20
- Proverbs 3:6
- I Corinthians 10:31