CONSTRUCTING OUR LIVES

Building Lessons from Colossians

Don't be led astray by others who offer a type of spirituality that is Christ plus other additions.

Recognise that there are people whose condemning influence is powerful and they will seek to act as a referee over our lives.

Beware of subtle but serious shifts and spiritual suggestions.

Be aware that there are those who can influence us spiritually but are not really connected to Christ.

Ask yourself this question.

We can end up with a 'do it yourself' spirituality when all along we should have seen that CHRIST IS ENOUGH.

BUILDING for eternity

16 So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths.**17** For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality. **18** Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud,**19** and they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For he holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it.
20 You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, **21** "Don't handle! Don't taste! Don't touch!"? **22** Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. **23** These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires.
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.