

Donna's Devotional

Walk the Walk

They profess that they know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.—Titus 1:16

In many religions a worshipper can bow down to an idol, give an offering, and walk away to a life of immorality, hatred, and wrong-doing. Their “religion” has no direct relationship to their way of life.

The dictionary defines religion as a “strong belief in a supernatural power or powers that control human destiny”. When we are faithful to Christ, this strong belief that God is involved in every area of our lives directs the way we behave. Faith in Christ means that the Holy Spirit indwells us and He guides us in the way we should live. When that way of life is contrary to God’s word, the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and chastens us.

In Colossians 3:2, Paul admonishes, “*Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*” Our thought life has a direct effect on our actions. Verse 4a says that Christ is our life. A favorite verse of mine, Philippians 1:21, states “*For to me to live is Christ*”. If our “strong belief” is that our life is Christ, then our walk, our talk, our thoughts, and everything about our lives should glorify Christ.

Colossian 3 lists some of the things we should put off: *anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language, sexual sins, evil desires, covetousness, and lies.*

Instead, we are to put on, *tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, and longsuffering.* We are to *bear with one another and forgive one another. Above all, put on love.*

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father through Him (Colossians 3: 17).

Let us not be ones who profess to know Christ but deny Him by our walk. No matter how we feel or what we want, our life needs to glorify the one whose name we bear. *Christian*—we are to be *Christ-like*.