

Handout April 25, 2025

## **Things We Collect**

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

Welcome back and here we go!

Tonight, we talk about *Collections*! When my wife last spoke, she taught on ***Psalms 119:11***.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ is much like \_\_\_\_\_!

The idea is, I collect those scriptures for use at a later time.

- Who in here has a collection? Cars, magazines, guns, old bottles, rocks, photos, dolls?  
Ex's? ☺☺☺

***Colossians 1:3-6*** We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, <sup>4</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; <sup>5</sup>because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

2) When you \_\_\_\_\_ heard, you began to \_\_\_\_\_!

When you first heard, you began to collect new ideas --- the TRUTH, scripture, references, new doctrinal ideas (Faith-Rest, Occupation with Christ, Relaxed Mental Attitude, etc.)

*Collections* always have an origin. They originate --- start --- somewhere.

Webster's defines *collections* as an assembly of items such as works of art, letters, natural objects or things that have emotional importance.

Why do people collect?

For pleasure, learning, social interaction, sense of belonging, or because of status and prestige, or desire to connect with history, or self-identify.

We save as a link to the past, evoking memories and fostering a sense of connection; also to express personality, interests and values.

3) I collect \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Over the years I have become accustomed to *collections*. In fact, they are some of my greatest gifts. Why?

4) *Collections* have a \_\_\_\_\_ place.

With each collection, we start it for a reason. Grandma, Dad, Friends, and hopefully, God the Holy Spirit!

I have been given paintings, artwork, hot wheels, dachshunds, lighthouses, Hallmark ornaments, Legos, clowns, and even some jewelry, tools and other “*collections*”.

What stands out? Someone is giving me something VERY personal and meaningful --- a COLLECTION.

5) My best \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

***Colossians 3:12-17 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.***

Let the word of God DWELL within you RICHLY.

You want to give someone something very personal, full of meaning and even life.

***John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.***

Share from your *collection* of scriptures. In counseling I have two things I say/do:

- I like when the opportunity arises and I hear myself saying, “Well, the Word of God says...”
- My “Prescription pad” always has a scripture written on it!

***Psalms 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.***

Why not start a *collection* today?

Tonight, I am handing out Alma Lynn’s memorization suggestions and on the other side a few scripture suggestions.

May you *collect* for a HARVEST OF PEACE!