



“How Can I Really Change”

Colossians 3:1-12

1. The Basis of Lasting Change

Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Ephesians 2:6 (NASB)

⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

2. Clean out the closet of your heart and mind.

Colossians 3:8-9 (NASB)

⁸ But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,

3. Put on God’s designer labels.

Colossians 3:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

Colossians 3:12 (NASB)

¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

Colossians 3:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.