



Lesson 6 — Learning to Say No to Sin

Colossians 2:20–23 · Colossians 3:1–14 · Romans 8:13; 13:14

Name _____

Date _____

Nothing is dead until the root is.

Follow Along

1. Cut honeysuckle at the ground, and the stump sends up five _____.
2. Colossians 2:23 — strict rules have a _____ for wisdom, and that is all they have.
3. A rule can keep our hands off something. It cannot reach the _____ underneath.
4. Colossians 3:3 — for you _____, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
5. Earthly nature, word for word: “the _____ that are on the earth.”
6. Colossians 3:5 — Paul gives greed a second name: _____.
7. Colossians 3:8 — put away is the word for taking off _____.
8. Romans 8:13 — if by the _____ you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
9. Romans 13:14 — make no _____ for the flesh to gratify its desires.

Three Things to Do with a Fencerow

CUT IT BACK

Rules, Colossians 2:23. Clean for a season.

DIG OUT THE ROOT

Put to death, Colossians 3:5, by the Spirit.

PLANT SOMETHING

Put on, Colossians 3:12. Leave no bare ground.

Whose Work Is It?

Read each phrase, then write whether it is ours to do, God's to do, or already done.

THE WORDS

OURS, GOD'S, OR DONE?

Colossians 3:3	<i>you died</i>	_____
Colossians 3:5	<i>put to death</i>	_____
Colossians 3:9	<i>have put off the old self</i>	_____
Colossians 3:10	<i>being renewed</i>	_____

Don't Leave the Ground Bare

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, Colossians 3:12–13.

Which of those five could you only practice around one particular person? Who is it, and what would putting it on look like this week?

The Root

Four questions to take home. Answer the ones you would not say out loud.

1 Which sin have you been cutting back every summer instead of putting to death?

2 Think of a rule you once made for yourself. How long did it hold, and what did it fail to reach?

3 Colossians 3:3 says you died. How does fighting as someone God already has change the way you fight?

4 Romans 13:14 says make no provision. What are you still keeping around just in case?

Two Things Before Sunday

- ☐ Get rid of one provision before Wednesday. Delete it, throw it out, drive a different way home, or tell one Christian you trust. Read Colossians 3:1–10 aloud each morning, and answer the old want with verse 3.
- ☐ Read 1 Timothy 4:6–10 and Luke 22:39–46 before next class. In Luke, count how many times Jesus tells his disciples to pray, and notice what he tells them to pray about.