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### **Habits: Who's Controlling Who?**

**Colossians 3:10** - *Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.*

**1 Timothy 4:16** - *Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.*

#### **How Effective We Are In Life Is Largely Influenced By The Habits We Have**

**Luke 4:16** - *When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures.*

#### **Jesus Had The Habit of Attending Worship Every Week**

**Galatians 6:7** - *Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.*

#### **Our Behaviors Reflect Our Beliefs**

**Deuteronomy 12:2-3** - *“When you drive out the nations that live there, you must destroy all the places where they worship their gods—high on the mountains, up on the hills, and under every green tree. <sup>3</sup> Break down their altars and smash their sacred pillars. Burn their Asherah poles and cut down their carved idols. Completely erase the names of their gods!*

**Numbers 33:55-56** - *But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell. Moreover, it shall be that I will do to you as I thought to do to them.*

#### **God Created Us To Be Motivated By Godly Actions**

**Psalms 139:23-24** - *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

**2 Corinthians 7:1** - *Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.*

**For the Christ-follower, Our Reference Point Is God, Made Known In The Person Of Jesus Who Reveals Truth Through The Holy Spirit**

**Colossians 2:8** - *Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.*

**We're To Depend On Christ And The Power Of The Holy Spirit To Create New Habits**

**Ephesians 3:16, 20** - *I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit...<sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.*