BITE #8

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)

From the very beginnings of the early Church, Christianity has a history of being a singing church. Christians would often spend hours singing praises to God. And remember, the early Church only had the Old Testament; the New Testament had not yet been written. Many of the stories about Christ and his teachings had to be memorized in order to be passed on. Sometimes these stories were set to music. It's no wonder, then, that music was an important part of the early Church. It was often used as a way to pass on information regarding Christian faith.

List three favorite praise songs you love to use in worship.

1.

2.

3.

Think of three favorite hymns you enjoy using in worship.

1.

2.

3.

List three favorite Scripture verses that help bring you into an attitude of worship. (You may want to use your Bible to find these and list them in the space provided.)

1.

2.

3.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

What does whatever include?

Whatever includes not only all of the above...but even more! Whatever includes everything in your life and everything to come! Whatever is really...

_____ A. A foreign word to me.
_____ B. Something I hear a lot.
_____ C. All-inclusive of my entire life.
_____ D. A great name for what my school cafeteria serves.

Whatever requires total submission. It means everything in your life comes under God's control. Would you like to try a fun reminder of keeping whatever in your life under God's control? For the next two weeks, instead of greeting friends in your youth group or Bible study with, "Hi, how's it going?" try saying, "Whatever!" instead...with the understanding that whenever you hear "Whatever" it's a reminder that whatever you do, to do it in the name of Christ.

BITE #9

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. (Colossians 3:18)

Thus far in Paul's letter to the Colossians, he's addressed the false teaching they were hearing, he's encouraged Christians to deepen their relationship with Christ—and he's explained how to do that—and now he moves into relationships with other people. And really, if Christianity doesn't affect our relationships with each other, there's a major problem. Jesus said the world would know we belong to him...

_____ A. By the kind of cars we drive.
_____ B. By our love for one another.
_____ C. By our grades.
_____ D. By what church we attend.