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Restoring the Divine Image

Three Streams of Christian Spirituality

| <i>STREAM</i> | Evangelical | Reformed | Contemplative |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| <i>VOCABULARY</i> | Discipleship | Sanctification | Formation |
| <i>EMPHASIS</i> | Basic Christian living | Holiness, theological understanding | Holistic spiritual transformation |
| <i>EXAMPLES</i> | Ronald Coleman Bill Hull | Sinclair Ferguson John Piper | Dallas Willard Ruth Haley Barton |
| <i>STRENGTHS</i> | Habits of personal bible study & prayer | Focus on doctrine, importance of church | Physical and psychological aspects of spiritual life |
| <i>WEAKNESSES</i> | Can be overly individualistic | Can be overly intellectual | Can be overly mystical |

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All these streams have one common goal:

Christlikeness



Colossians 3:1-11

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⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Colossians 3:1-11

⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.



Outline

1. Remember your identity
2. Reorder your desires
3. Renew your mind



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2. Reorder your desires

Colossians 3:1-2, 5-9





The whole life
of a good Christian
is a holy desire.

—St. Augustine

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BALANCE!!

FOCUS!!

TEMPO!!

BREATHE!!

SLOWER!!

SWING EVERY IRON LIKE A WEDGE

THE GRIP!!
THE GRIP!!
SWING DOWN THEN AROUND!!

TRUST THE SWING!
FIRE THE RIGHT SIDE

FLAT LEFT WAIST = STRAIGHT SHOT!

ALIGNMENT!

SWING PLANE! (SEE HOGAN)

DON'T HOLD ON! DON'T PULL!
ROTATE + RELEASE HANDS!

STAY ON BALANCE!!

SMOOTH! ONE MOVE!

FINISH THE SWING!

HOLD FINISH - HIGH HANDS!

DRIVE DOWN + THROUGH!

SWING THE CLUB!

TURN IN THE BARREL!

HAVE FUN!!

50%

PIECE TAKEAWAY!!

DON'T GET "HANDSY"
HAVE I WORKED ON THIS ZONE?

SOFT HANDS!
NATURALLY!!

BALL POSITION!
FIRM RIGHT SIDE
STAY BACK!
STAY DOWN!!

STAY BACK!
STAY DOWN!!

75%

NEVER PAST HERE!!

THINK! FOCUS! RELAX!
SEE THE SHOT!
POSITIVE GOLF THOUGHTS!

BACK TO TARGET ->

TURN!! DON'T SWAY!!
CONTROLLED AGGRESSION!
LESS IS MORE!

TURN MIDDLE 1/2 AS FAR AS LEFT SHOULDER - TORQUE RESISTANCE!
CLEAR THE HIPS!!
DRIVE THROUGH WITH THE BIG MUSCLES -
KNEE FLEX -
IMPACT ZONE KNEE TO KNEE ->
DON'T JUMP AT IT!!
LEFT HEEL DOWN FOR CONTROL!
STANCE + FOOT ANGLES!

100%

POINTS AT TARGET ->

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DON'T MAKE THE BALL THE TARGET - DRIVE THROUGH ->
COMPLETE THE CIRCLE!!

ARC!!

DON'T THROW IT FROM HERE!

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"1.5 SECONDS OF THOUGHT"

TEMPO!!
1995



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Mortification: put your sins to death

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. (Col. 3:5)



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Application: How to kill sin

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He [the Spirit] brings the cross of Christ into the heart of a sinner by faith, and gives communion with Christ in His death, and fellowship in His sufferings Set your faith upon Christ for the killing of your sin. His blood is the great sovereign remedy for sin-sick souls.

—John Owen

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- d. Depend on the Spirit (Rom. 8:13)



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Colossians 3:9-17



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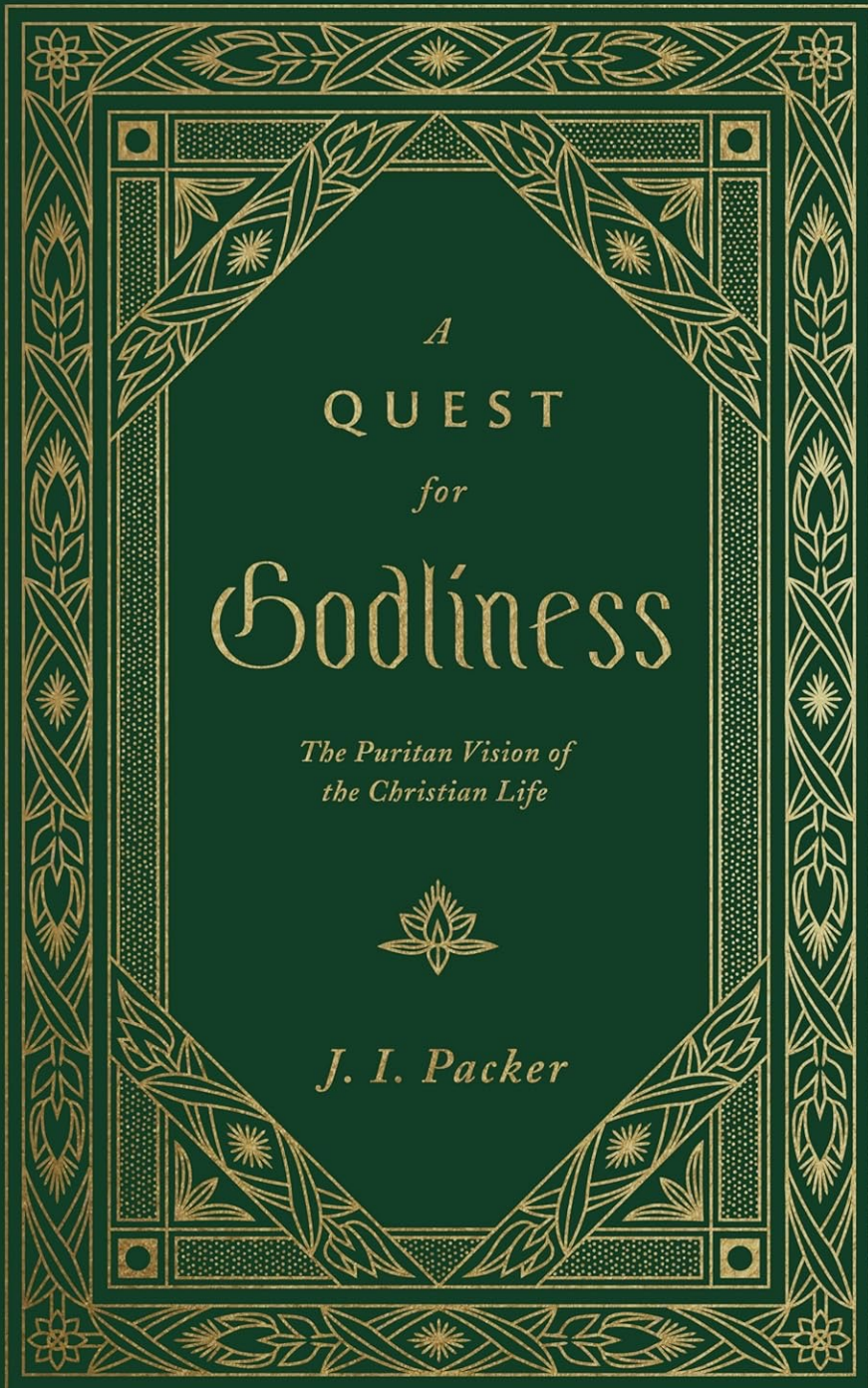
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Man was made to know good with his mind, to desire it, once he has come to know it, with his affections, and to cleave to it, once he has felt its attraction, with his will; the good in this case being God, his truth and his law. God accordingly moves us, not by direct action on the affections or will, but by addressing our mind with his word, and so bringing to bear on us the force of truth . . . Affection may be the helm of the ship, but the mind must steer; and the chart to steer by is God's revealed truth.

—J. I. Packer

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- c. The context of renewal: the communion of saints (v. 11-15)



Colossians 3:11

Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.



Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

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- d. The means of renewal: worship, word, prayer (v. 16-17)



Colossians 3:16-17

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ 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.



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