

LIVING THE NEW LIFE

Pt 3: Putting On Christ

Colossians 3:12-14

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Put On – as in putting on clothing

Putting off the “old life” and putting on the
“new life.”

Putting on the character of Christ. (Rom 13:14)

PUT ON...

I have been chosen by God.

In Christ I am holy.

I am loved by the Father.

CHOSEN, HOLY, BELOVED



Will involve INTENTIONAL EFFORT on your part.

Will require SURRENDER to God's Spirit. Inviting Christ into specific areas of your life.

PUTTING ON CHRIST



As we review each of the virtues in Colossians 3:12-14, consider a specific relationship. Reflect on how you are doing at reflecting Christ in that relationship.

EXERCISE – PERSONAL REFLECTION



Having a deep awareness of and sympathy for another person's suffering.

Q: Would you treat the person differently if you were aware of their pain? Their concerns? Their struggles?

COMPASSIONATE HEARTS



A ready disposition to listen and respond to others. Doing good for that person.

Q: Are you aware of the person's needs? Are you aware of the person's love language? What could you do that would demonstrate kindness?

KINDNESS

Valuing oneself appropriately. Considering another's needs above our own. (Phil 2:3-4)

Q: Are you placing your wants/needs above their wants/needs? Are you making demands? Are you willing to serve?

HUMILITY

Acting in a manner that is gentle, mild, and even-tempered.

Q: Would gentleness describe your interactions with this person? Are you prone to outbursts? Do your interactions demonstrate care?

MEEKNESS

Patient endurance of pain or unhappiness.

“putting up with people a long time”

Bearing w One Another (v13)

Forgiving Each Other (v13)

PATIENCE



Present Tense – Continual, Ongoing

One Another/Each Other – Reciprocal

Q: Are we willing to put up with the things that irritate us in the relationship? Are we aware of the ways we irritate the other person? Are we offering forgiveness or holding on to offenses?

PATIENCE

Agape Love – willingly forfeiting rights/privileges on another's behalf. Sacrificial Love

Q: Are we striving to love this person sacrificially? In the manner that Christ loves us?

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