

Clothed in Christ: A 6-Day Devotional on Colossians 3:12

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." – Colossians 3:12

Day 1 – Compassion

"Put on then... compassion."

Compassion begins with seeing. Jesus often looked at the crowds and “had compassion on them” because He saw them as sheep without a shepherd. Complicated people in our lives are often carrying unseen burdens. Compassion means pausing to see beyond irritation and into their humanity.

Practical Step: Today, before reacting to someone who frustrates you, silently ask, “What might they be going through?”

Prayer: Lord, soften my heart to see others with Your eyes. Give me compassion that looks beyond behavior to the soul You love.

Day 2 – Kindness

"Put on then... kindness."

Kindness is love in action. It is not simply being polite—it is the intentional choice to respond with grace when rudeness or coldness would be easier. A kind word or gesture has the power to defuse tension and open doors that anger would only close.

Practical Step: Look for one intentional act of kindness today, especially toward someone who is difficult to love.

Prayer: Father, fill my words and actions with kindness. Let me be a reflection of Your gentle love to others today.

Day 3 – Humility

"Put on then... humility."

Humility doesn't mean thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less. With humility, we acknowledge that we don't always have to be right, noticed, or in control. This attitude frees us to listen, learn, and lift others up instead of competing with them.

Practical Step: In your next conversation, practice humility by listening without interrupting or defending yourself.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to walk humbly. Guard me from pride and let my heart rest in Your approval rather than people's praise.

Day 4 – Meekness

"Put on then... meekness."

Meekness is often misunderstood as weakness, but in Scripture it means strength under control. It is the calm spirit that doesn't lash out but responds with steady grace. When complicated people try to provoke us, meekness gives us the ability to stand firm without returning insult for insult.

Practical Step: When provoked today, pause before speaking. Ask yourself, "Will my response show Christ's strength or my own frustration?"

Prayer: Jesus, You described Yourself as "gentle and lowly in heart." Help me to reflect Your meekness in my words, tone, and reactions.

Day 5 – Patience

"Put on then... patience."

Patience is the long-suffering love that endures without giving up. God is patient with us, not treating us as our sins deserve. In the same way, patience allows us to keep walking with difficult people even when progress is slow or repeated failures occur. It is choosing to love consistently, not conditionally.

Practical Step: Identify one person who tests your patience. Commit to praying for them instead of complaining about them.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your endless patience with me. Help me extend that same patience to others, trusting that You are at work in them as You are in me.

This way, the series unfolds one virtue at a time, making it practical, personal, and prayerful.

Day 6 – Fully Clothed in Christ

Over the past five days, we’ve reflected on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Each one is a garment of grace God calls us to “put on” daily. But when woven together, they form something greater—a life that reflects Christ Himself.

These virtues are not separate pieces of clothing, but a complete outfit of the new self. Compassion helps us see others with God’s heart. Kindness gives that vision practical expression. Humility keeps pride from spoiling our love. Meekness keeps strength under control, and patience allows love to last through trials. Together, they create a picture of Jesus—the One who embodied all of them perfectly.

Complicated people will always be part of our journey. But instead of viewing them as obstacles, we can see them as opportunities. Each hard conversation, each moment of frustration, is a chance to put on Christ, to grow in character, and to bring light into dark places.

When we live this way, we not only bless others but also discover that God is shaping us. Personally, we grow in maturity. Professionally, we stand out as people of integrity and wisdom. Spiritually, we are drawn closer to the heart of Christ.

Practical Step: Before beginning your day, prayerfully imagine putting on this “outfit” of virtues. Ask God to clothe you in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience so that you may reflect Him in every interaction.

Prayer: Father, thank You for clothing me with new life in Christ. Help me wear compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience not just as words, but as living realities. May others see Your Son in me, and may my life bring You glory in how I love, serve, and endure. Amen.

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