

Introduction

- Lesson text: [Col. 3:10-15](#)
- 1. A renewing of the mind must take place as we mature as Christians ([Rm. 12:1-2](#)).
- 2. As we have put off and continue to mortify the deeds of the old man, we must also put on the new man ([Col. 3:10-15](#)).
 - a. The new man is composed of essential qualities exhibited by God and our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - b. To be like God, we must put on these same qualities in our lives.

I. Put on Compassion

1. The first quality mentioned is “bowels of mercies” ([Col. 3:12](#)).
 - a. Translated as “a heart of compassion (ASV)” and “tender mercies (NKJV).”
 - b. bowels (*splanchnon* G4698 noun) translated as “tender” ([Lk. 1:78](#)) and “affection” ([2 Cor. 7:15](#)).
 - i. “in the Greek poets...were regarded as the seat of the more violent passions, such as anger and love; but by the Hebrews as the seat of the tenderer affections, especially kindness, benevolence, compassion” (Thayer 584).
 - ii. cf. [Php. 1:8](#), [2:1](#).
 - c. mercies (*oiktirmos* G3628 noun).
 - i. “to show mercy and concern, with the implication of sensitivity and compassion” (Louw-Nida 750).
 - ii. Idea of having or exercising pity.
 - iii. cf. [Rm. 12:1](#); [2 Cor. 1:3](#).
2. Jesus practiced compassion.
 - a. With His teaching and preaching ([Mt. 9:35-38](#)).
 - b. With His healing and providing for their physical needs ([Mt. 14:14-21](#); cf. [Mk. 6:34-44](#)).

II. Put on Kindness

1. The second quality mentioned is “kindness” ([Col. 3:12](#)).

- a. kindness (*chrestotes* G5544 noun) translated as “goodness” ([Rm. 11:22](#)) and “gentleness” ([Gal. 5:22](#)).
 - i. “A virtue of honest folk. Anyone who shows goodness and concern toward others can be described as *chrēstos*, especially when receiving guests...The term then takes on an ethical meaning: the person who is *chrēstos* (man, woman, or child) behaves properly, conforms to the rule of honesty, what is called ‘good morals’...or simply ‘the good’” (Spicq 513).
 - ii. This word was used as a title of honor for a mother, grandmother, parents, and others.
2. Jesus practiced kindness.
 - a. He went about doing good ([Ac. 10:38](#)).
 - b. God shows us His kindness through Jesus Christ ([Eph. 2:7](#); [Tt. 3:4-7](#)).

III. Put on Humility

1. The third quality mentioned is “humbleness of mind” ([Col. 3:12](#)).
 - a. Translated as “lowliness (ASV)” and “humility (NKJV).”
 - b. humbleness of mind (*tapeinophrosyne* G5012 noun) translated as “humility” ([1 Pt. 5:5](#)) and “lowliness” ([Eph. 4:2](#)).
 - i. “the having a humble opinion of one’s self; a deep sense of one’s (moral) littleness; modesty, humility, lowliness of mind” (Thayer 614).
2. Jesus practiced humility.
 - a. In His invitation to sinners ([Mt. 11:28-30](#)).
 - b. With His incarnation ([Php. 2:1-8](#)).

Conclusion

1. The new man is composed of essential qualities exhibited by God and our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Compassion will see to it that we take care of people’s spiritual and physical needs as we have the ability and opportunity.
3. Kindness will see to a moral life and an encouragement of others to do the same.
4. Humility will keep our minds grounded and guard against pride and arrogance.