Introduction

- Lesson text: Col. 3:10-15
- 1. 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 Meekness

- 1. Meekness defined (Col. 3:12).
 - a. *anaw* (H6035 adjective) translated as "meek (13)" (Num. 12:3; Ps. 22:26, 25:9, 37:11, 76:9, 147:6, 149:4; Isa. 11:4, 29:19, 61:1; Am. 2:7; Zep. 2:3), "humble (3)" (Ps. 10:17, 34:2, 69:32), and "poor (3)" (Ps. 9:18; Isa. 32:7; Am. 8:4).
 - b. *praos/praus* (G4235/G4239 adjective) translated as "meek (4)" (Mt. 5:5, 11:29, 21:5; 1 Pt. 3:4).
 - c. *praotes/prautes* (G4236/G4240 noun) translated as "meekness (11)" (1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 10:1; Gal. 5:23, 6:1; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; 2 Tim. 2:25; Tt. 3:2; Jm. 1:21, 3:13; 1 Pt. 3:15).
- 2. Jesus practiced meekness.
 - a. By His entrance into Jerusalem (Mt. 21:1-11).
 - b. By His cleansing the temple (Mt. 21:12-13).
 - c. By doing His Father's will (Mt. 26:36-44).
 - d. When being betrayed and apprehended (Mt. 26:47-57).
 - e. By being crucified (Mt. 27:33-44).

II. Put on Longsuffering

- 1. Longsuffering defined (Col. 3:12).
 - a. *makrothymia* (G3115 noun) translated as "longsuffering (12)" (Rm. 2:4, 9:22; 2 Cor. 6:6; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:2; Col. 1:11, 3:12; 1 Tim. 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:10, 4:2; 1 Pt. 3:20; 2 Pt. 3:15) and "patience (2)" (Heb. 6:12; Jm. 5:10).
- 2. God is longsuffering.
 - a. It is part of His name (Ex. 34:5-7).

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- b. God is love and love suffers long (1 Jn. 4:8; 1 Cor. 13:4).
- c. He is rich in longsuffering (Rm. 2:4).
- d. Exemplified in the days of Noah (1 Pt. 3:20).
- e. Exemplified in Paul's conversion (1 Tim. 1:15-16).
- f. Exemplified now in His waiting to send Jesus so that men have time to repent (2 Pt. 3:9-10).

III. Put on Forbearance

- 1. Forbearance defined (Col. 3:13).
 - a. anechomai (G430 verb) translated as "suffer (7)" (Mt. 17:17; Mk. 9:19; Lk. 9:41; 1 Cor. 4:12; 2 Cor. 11:19-20; Heb. 13:22), "bear with (3)" (2 Cor. 11:1, 4), "forbearing (2)" (Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13), and "endure (2)" (2 Th. 1:4; 2 Tim. 4:3).
- 2. Jesus practiced forbearance.
 - a. Even with a faithless and perverse generation (Mt. 17:14-21).

Conclusion

- 1. Meekness will continue to keep us humble, not concerned with self, and fully trusting in God and His power.
- 2. Longsuffering will help us keep our temper in check and enables us to be compassionate and merciful.
- 3. Forbearance will help us to endure wrongs, persecutions, and tribulations that we will face.