

Thoughts for Personal & Family Worship

Text: Colossians 3:12-17

1. What should be our motivation for loving others and treating them with grace?
2. Is Paul giving us a list of “do’s” necessary to be a Christian in verses 12-17. If not, why does he want the Colossians (and us) to live this way? (Hint: see verses 10 and 12a)
3. One idea embedded in these verses is that the Christian life should be lived in community with others (i.e. *the church*). Is there such a thing as a “lone-ranger” Christian? Why or why not?

Apply it to life: Identify which virtues in verses 12-14 you struggle with most. What are some steps *you* can take to grow in these areas? Think of specific examples in your relationships with others and apply these steps.

Pray about it: Repent of unkindness and unforgiveness toward others, or for failing to be thankful for what God has done for you in Christ. Trust in Christ’s finished work to be sufficient for your salvation and sanctification. Look to the Holy Spirit for the empowerment to grow in the virtues of the Christian life.

Meditate on it: Ephesians 4:17-5:21

“The Life of an Ordinary Christian”

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Big Idea: As new creations in Christ by the gracious choice of God, we must put on the virtues of grace.

- I. Our Lives Must Be Loving Toward Others
- II. Our Lives Must Be Centered on Christ
- III. Our Lives Must Be Thankful to God

Applications: