

Loving with a Grateful Heart – Part 1 (Colossians 3:12)

And so → vv. 5-11: this is what you should _____

- As _____ by God: *holy and beloved*
- **Command** – put on the new _____ / self in Christ
- **Heart of compassion** – mercy / pity for the _____ of another
Displayed in our Lord for us (Eph. 2:1-5; Tit. 3:3-5)
- **Kindness** – _____, thoughtfulness to meet _____
Goodness as in moral uprightness and _____
- _____ – Prov. 11:2; Phlp. 2:5-8; 1 Pet. 5:5
An accurate view of _____ and of _____
- **Gentleness** – _____ under control; ready to _____ to the
_____ and His purposes; not harsh or _____ (Prov. 15:1)
- **Patience** – long-_____
God is _____ to anger (Ps. 103:8) and patient (Rom. 2:4)

Take-Away

Biblical kindness is...

- _____-centered – an expression of genuine _____ (1 Cor. 13:4)
- Not separated from _____ and integrity (Jn. 5:14)
- Required of _____ by God (Prov. 19:22; Mic. 6:8)
A choice: *I will be there* _____
- Sourced _____ (Tit. 3:4; Gal. 5:22)

Biblical gentleness is...

- Illustrated in _____ (1 Pet. 2:22-24)
- Required of _____ by God (1 Pet. 3:1-6, esp. 3-4)
 - 1) **Characteristics**: A spirit / A _____ spirit
Control of the _____ / _____ in word and deed
A Spirit that _____ in God
 - 2) **Motivations**: It _____ / It is very _____ to God
It is very _____ to her husband
- Produced by the _____

Discussion Questions: Colossians 3:12

1. For each of the 5 qualities in v. 12, do the following:

Identify a Scripture reference other than those given in the message.

Identify men and women in the Bible who demonstrated the quality

Identify men and women who did not demonstrated the quality

How did Christ demonstrate the quality?

Heart of compassion

Kindness

Humility

Gentleness

Patience

Share any insights from your study.

2. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?