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**Title:** Dressed for Success (Part 2)

**Text:** Colossians 3:5-17

**Target:** *“Define yourself as one radically beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is an illusion.”* Brennan Manning

- I. **A Call to be Reminded:** *“Put on then as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved”*  
(Vs.12a)

**Put On:** Decisive Daily Action

A. **Visceral of Virtues (Inward):** *“compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience”* (Vs. 12)

1. **Compassionate Hearts:** merciful
2. **Kindness:** gentleness
3. **Humility:** modesty
4. **Meekness:** power under control
5. **Patience:** long-suffering

B. **Virtues become Visible (Outward):** *“bearing with one another and, if one has complaint against another forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive.”* (Vs. 13)

**Galatians 6:2:** *“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”*

C. **Vice of Values (Upward):** *“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony”* (Vs. 14)

**1 Corinthians 13:1:** *“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.”*

- II. **A Choice to be Ruled:** *“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you indeed were called in one body. And be thankful.”* (Vs. 15)

**To be Ruled:** Arbitrate and decide in every debate.

A. **Rooted in the Word:** *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”* (Vs. 16a)

**Dwell:** To inhabit, make at home, to influence.

B. **Renewed in Worship:** *“teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God”* (16b)

C. **Revealed by Works:** *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* (Vs. 17)

**1 Corinthians 10:31:** *“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

**Takeaway:** Look in the mirror and call yourself up to who Christ called you to be!