

Col 10 – Put On New Life Traits - Col 3:12-17

In our Last Msg – we began the famous  
Put-Off/Put-On Theology of Life Transformation

& we talked about Putting to Death – with Lethal Determination –  
Our Flesh Nature – That Jesus Christ has Given us Victory over

Today – we get to the PUT-ON side  
Of this crucial Put Off/Put On – Life Transformation

Thru the Life of Jesus Christ Living in us  
& the Power of His Holy Spirit . . .

We PUT OFF (Put to Death) – The Traits of Our Old Life  
& we PUT ON – Our NEW LIFE TRAITS

Let's Pray

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If you have Received Jesus Christ today  
You have INHERITED the “New Life Traits” – IN CHRIST !

THRU His Life in Us - we have POSITIONALLY INHERITED  
HIS “New Life Traits”

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BUT . . . the fact that we have  
INHERITED the New Life Traits of Jesus Christ

DOES NOT automatically mean  
we are LIVING in those NEW LIFE TRAITS, does it?

**For Example** – If you **INHERITED** a **Mansion**  
on an **Island** in the **Caribbean**

**But** you **refused** to **leave the life** you are **living now**  
You **would never LIVE IN** that **Mansion** - **on that Island**

**Even tho** you had **inherited it** – you **would never LIVE in it**  
**Because** you **refused** to **LEAVE** the **life** you are **living now**

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**So Today** I want to **REALLY FOCUS** – on the **SECRET**

**to Actually LIVING IN-** to **Actually PUTTING ON** –  
**OUR NEW LIFE TRAITS**

& it **might not be** what you **think** (so please **Listen carefully**)

Everything we need - to Live In our “New Life Traits”  
comes from our growing “Love Relationship” with God  
& our growing “Love Relationship” with others - - [REPEAT]

**WHY** did **Jesus** make “**Loving God**” & “**Loving Others**”  
the **Single Greatest Commanment?** (**Mat 22:37**)

& **WHY** did **Jesus** Say – the **Entire LAW**  
was **BASED** on **these TWO Commandments?**

**BECAUSE** this **Greatest Commandment** - **COVERS it ALL**

**BECAUSE** this **Greatest Commandment** - **TRANSFORMS Our LIFE**

**AS we GROW in our LOVE for God - & Our LOVE for others  
Our Lives are Transformed BY God**

**& we begin to Actually LIVE in our New Life Traits**

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Just **1 more thing** –

**this text is our Foundation For Leadership – here at CCN**

**So - if you're heading into Leadership here – OR, if you are  
IN Leadership & you've never heard me say that**

**Please pay attention - Because there will be  
MANY REAL-LIFE tests**

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**Colossians 3:12 (NLT)**

**12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must  
clothe yourselves . . .**

**First - How did we get to the word "Since" (Therefore in NKJ) ?**

**Because these "New Life Traits"  
are a THEREFORE in the Christian Life**

**They are not a REQUIREMENT**

**In order to EARN the New Life in Christ**

**They are an OUTCOME – They are an EXPRESSION of the  
NEW LIFE – you've Inherited thru your Faith in Christ**

**BECAUSE Jesus Christ lives in you,  
THESE are the “New Life Traits” you have inherited**

**NOW – we must learn to “Put Them On”**

**NOW – we must learn to “Clothe Ourselves” in them**

**We must learn to Walk in them**

**We must learn to Live in them**

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So – **Let’s review the 14 New Life Traits listed here In Col 3**

### **New Life Trait # 1 - Colossians 3:12 (NLT)**

***12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy . . .***

**tenderhearted mercy means**

to have a **heart of compassion** toward others

It is a **genuine care** for those who are **hurting & broken-hearted**

### **Matthew 9:36 (NLT)**

***36 When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them . . .***

This is the **tenderhearted mercy** of Jesus

It is a **heart of Genuine Compassion** toward others

**How do we grow in this?**

**How do we make this a reality in our lives?**

**Everything we need to Live In our “New Life Traits”**

comes from our growing “Love Relationship” with God  
& our growing “Love Relationship” with others

**THAT** is **WHERE** we **LEARN**

to **CLOTHE Ourselves** - in **TENDERHEARTED MERCY**

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**New Life Trait # 2 – (cont’g) Colossians 3:12 (NLT)**

*12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with . . . kindness . . .*

**This word MEANS:**

*a readiness to do good, even when it is undeserved*

It’s an **unselfish willingness** to **DO GOOD** to others  
*with no personal motive*

**Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)**

*32 . . . be kind to each other, tenderhearted . . .*

Be **unselfishly willing** to **DO GOOD** to others

**Everything we need to Live In this New Life Trait**

comes from our growing “Love Relationship” with God  
& our growing “Love Relationship” with others

**THAT** is **WHERE** we **LEARN**

to **CLOTHE Ourselves** - in **KINDNESS**

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### **New Life Trait # 3 - Colossians 3:12 (NLT)**

*12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with . . . humility . . .*

**Humility** is – an “**Emptying**” of “**Self**”

**It is NOT** thinking Lowly of self

It is **NOT THINKING** of self

it's a **willingness to esteem others** higher than yourself

### **Philippians 2:3 (NLT)**

*3 Don't be selfish . . . Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.*

**Not thinking of SELF?**

Now **that** takes the **Full POWER** of **God**, **doesn't it?**

**Everything we need to Live In this New Life Trait**

comes from our growing “Love Relationship” with God  
& our growing “Love Relationship” with others

**THAT** is **WHERE** we **LEARN**

to **CLOTHE Ourselves** - in **HUMILITY**

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### **New Life Trait # 4 - Colossians 3:12 (NLT)**

*12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with . . . gentleness.*

**GENTLENESS** is **the opposite** of **pride** & **self-assertion**

This word implies - the strength of self-denial

**Galatians 6:1 (NLT)**

*1 . . . if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person . . .*

Without Pride - & with "Self-Denial" – Help that person

**Everything we need to Live In this New Life Trait**

comes from our growing "Love Relationship" with God  
& our growing "Love Relationship" with others

**THAT is WHERE we LEARN  
to CLOTHE Ourselves - in GENTLENESS**

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**New Life Trait # 5 - Colossians 3:12 (NLT)**

*12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with . . . patience.*

Definition: - restraint enabling injury & insult without retaliating

Are you KIDDING?? – You want me to be injured & insulted without retaliating ?

That's impossible, isn't it?

YES Humanly speaking – it seems IMPOSSIBLE

**Matthew 19:26 says (NLT)**

*26 Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."*

**Everything we need to Live In this “New Life Trait”**  
comes from our growing “Love Relationship” with God  
& our growing “Love Relationship” with others

**THAT is WHERE we LEARN  
to CLOTHE Ourselves - in LONG-SUFFERING**

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**These New Life Traits are all  
the Fruit Of The Holy Spirit - living unrestrained in your life**

**In ourselves - we are powerless  
to “Clothe Ourselves” in these “New Life Traits”**

**These “New Life Traits” begin to SHOW**  
**AS we grow in our “Love Relationship” with God - &**  
**AS we grow in our “Love Relationship” with Others**

**& NONE of it can be done – Without the Power of the Holy Spirit  
LIVING UNRESTRAINED in our life**

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**NOW - we go to 2 Very Specific Responses  
to OTHER BELIEVERS**

who **ABSOLUTELY WILL - “Offend you”**

**New Life Trait # 6 - Colossians 3:13 (NLT)**  
***13 Make allowance for each other’s faults . . .***



**Definition for Make Allowance:**

*persevering, tolerating, putting up with each other's faults*

This **refers** to a **constant acceptance** of **other believers**

**AS** our **New Life Traits** begin to **SHOW**

we will "**Bear with**" or "**Make allowance**" for our **fellow believers**

**BY** **clothing ourselves**

in the **5 New Life Traits** we've **seen so far**

**Mercy** – **Kindness** – **Humility** – **Gentleness** - & **Patience**

**Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)**

*2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

**& Everything YOU need to Live In this New Life Trait**

comes from your growing "Love Relationship" with God  
& your growing "Love Relationship" with other Believers

**THAT** is **WHERE** we **LEARN**

to *Make allowance for each other's faults*

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**New Life Trait # 7 – (Re-Read) Colossians 3:13 (NLT)**

*13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.*

We **MUST** forgive **ANYONE** who **offends us**

**& the Key words are - MUST & ANYONE**

**If a Christian is holding Un-Forgiveness in their heart – they are IN SIN**

**& that sin will separate you from God**  
**& it will eat at you like a bleeding ulcer** (until you deal w/ it)

We have **21 Messages** on the **Topic** of **FORGIVENESS** (21)  
at **WBM.com** and on the **WBM Phone App**

**Go** to the **WBM website** or **Ph App**  
**Click** on **TOPIC** - & **Go** to **FORGIVENESS**  
& **there** are **21 Msg's** there

If you are **stuck in this sin**  
**please** start **listening** to, or **reading, those msg's**

& (**AS** this **Vs. says**) - *Remember, the Lord forgave you,*  
*so you **MUST** forgive others*

**Jesus got even more “Serious” in Matthew 6:15 (NLT)**  
**15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.**

**Everything you need to Live In DIVINE FORGIVENESS**  
comes from your growing “Love Relationship” with God  
& your growing “Love Relationship” with others

**THAT** is **WHERE** you **LEARN**  
to Walk Continually - in **DIVINE FORGIVENESS**

& then – in a great “ALL ENCOMPASSING” statement

V.14 gives us - the “Above All” - New Life Trait  
AND – tells us what it is FOR

New Life Trait # 8 – Colossians 3:14 (NLT)

*14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.*

THIS “New Life Trait”

is above them all - & it covers them all

Having all the other virtues – Means Nothing

without a Genuine Spirit of Agape Love for one another

The phrase “binds us all together”

Refers to the ‘chains of a prisoner’ (*prisoners bound together*)

The same word is also used for the ‘ligaments’ of the body  
the ligaments - that hold all the ‘joints’ together

Christ’s love constrains and restricts us

to love one another fervently

And that is what holds the body together in harmony

1 John 4:21 (NLT)

*21 And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.*

**Everything you need - to Clothe Yourself with LOVE**

**comes from your growing “Love Relationship” with God  
& your growing “Love Relationship” with others**

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& then – **V.15 - Goes With**

***“the love that binds us all together in perfect harmony” (v.14)***

**New Life Trait # 9 - Colossians 3:15 (NLT)**

***15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.  
For as members of one body you are called to live in peace . . .***

***And let the peace that comes from Christ RULE in your heart***

This **WORD** for **Peace** is used **primarily**

***to describe unity & harmony between two people***

& the **Cool part** – is the **word - RULE** means:

***“to act as an umpire” or “to make decisions”***

So – **when** we are **dealing** w/ **other** “**Members of the Body**”

We **must** let the **Peace of God** - **RULE** our **Decisions**

**This doesn't mean** that **we'll** always **make** people **happy**,

& it **doesn't mean** we'll **always do** what **they want** us to

but **even** in **difficult circumstances**

we **can** do **all we can** – to **maintain** “**Peace in the body**”

**FOR** – As V.15 says

*as members of one body you are called to live in peace.*

**Romans 12:18 (NLT)**

*18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.*

**Everything you need to LIVE in this “New Life Trait”**

comes from your growing “Love Relationship” with God  
& your growing “Love Relationship” with others

**THAT is WHERE you LEARN**

*To let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts*

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**New Life Trait # 10 - Colossians 3:15 (NLT) (end)**

*15 . . . And always be thankful.*

**Being genuinely thankful to God – IN all circumstances**

will **Radically Change** our **relationship**  
**with God** - & **w/ other people**

Because **SO MANY** conflicts are **rooted** in  
**envy** , **jealousy** & **self-interest**

& - if we will **always be thankful** to God  
for **what** He is **doing** in **OUR LIFE**

It **will** really **help eliminate** those **sins of Self-focus**

& remember - thankfulness

is not determined by our circumstances

It's determined by our Relationship with God

& our knowledge of God's Grace

& it is IN your growing "Love Relationship" with God

& it is IN your growing "Love Relationship" with others

That you LEARN – *to Always be Thankful*

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New Life Trait # 11 – Colossians 3:16 (NLT)

*16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives .*

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NKJ - *16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly*

DWELL Means: "*to Let the word of Christ, in all its richness*",  
LIVE UNRESTRAINED *in your life*

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& we *MUST* allow the word of Christ, in all its richness,  
To LIVE UNRESTRAINED in our life

Because COL 3:16 - Continues with

New Life Trait # 12 – Colossians 3:16 (NLT) (from beginning)

*16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives . . .*

**Before** we can **Teach & Counsel** each other  
w/ **all the wisdom he gives**

We **MUST** (1<sup>st</sup>) let **the Word of Christ**  
in **all its richness, fill our lives** - (live unrestrained)

**THEN** – we **use the wisdom & grace** that God **gives us**  
to **Teach & Counsel** one **another**

**& We Allow the Word of Christ to FILL our Lives**  
Thru our growing “Love Relationship” with God

**& We Teach & Counsel one another with God’s Wisdom**  
Thru our growing “Love Relationship” with others

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**& Col 3:16 continues with**

**New Life Trait # 13 – Colossians 3:16 (NLT) (end)**

16 . . . *Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.*

**IF** we will **Allow** the **Word of Christ DWELL RICHLY** in our **lives**

**NOT ONLY** – will we **be able**  
to **Teach & Counsel** one **another** w/ its **wisdom**

**BUT** - it will **ALSO cause** us to *Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God - with thankful hearts.*

**& I PROMISE YOU**

**THAT** – **will CHANGE Your Life - from the Inside Out**

**Psalm 103:1 (NLT)**

***1 Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.***

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**& finally - New Life Trait # 14 – Colossians 3:16 (NLT)**

***17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.***

**Before you Act – React - or Respond . . . Check yourself**

**Can you say;**

***I'm doing this as a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ***

**NKJ says - *17 And whatever you do . . . do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, . . .***

**“In the Name of” means *in full accordance with His Nature, & His Character***

**It means – acting as HIS REPRESENTATIVE**

**This is the Ultimate & FINAL STANDARD to go by  
It is the greatest litmus test**

***17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.***

**& THAT – wraps up - the 14 “New Life Traits” of Col Ch 3**

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**this text describes a life - SO RADICALLY TRANSFORMED  
that we might say – *“I will never be able to live like that”***

**& you are EXACTLY RIGHT !**

**If you leave here trying to do this in your own Nature  
you will fail miserably**

**These are NEW LIFE TRAITS**

They **Don't Exist** in **your own** Nature

**We've got to PUT ON**

**We've got to CLOTHE OURSELVES with**

**We've got to LIVE IN our *“New Life Traits”***

**AND - Everything we need, to Live In our “New Life Traits”  
comes from our growing “Love Relationship” with God  
& our growing “Love Relationship” with others**

**NEVER Forget that**

**Everything we need, to Live In our “New Life Traits”  
comes from our growing “Love Relationship” with God  
& our growing “Love Relationship” with others**

**Let's Pray**