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Putting on the New

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John 14:15

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

Colossians 3

8-9 But now you also, put aside the old self with its evil practices, 10 and put on the new self that is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created you.

Colossians 3

12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. 14 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Be Prepared Bag

- Brown paper bag
- Small bottle of water or juice box
- Pack of peanut butter crackers
- Easy-to-open can of chicken or tuna
- Bag of cookies (Famous Amos!)
- Utensils (get from River Cross)
- Pair of white socks
- Handwritten notecard

Testimony Letter

David, again the be prepared bags have blessed me! I was at an intersection and saw a man in need of food. I gave him my be prepared bag. He thanked me and called me a child of God. He looked me in the eye and said I needed to know that. I was reminded today that God's family is all around and that He invites me to join Him in

loving them. Thanks for sharing this be prepared idea with me.

"Treating Others" Principle

We are called to treat <u>others</u> the way <u>God</u> treats us - love as God loves us, forgive as God forgives you, accept as God accepts you

Colossians 3

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

The Process of Putting on the New

- Recognize God's <u>love</u> for you
- Know Him better through His Word
- See your worship of Him increase
- Watch His glory shine through you