

Get Dressed 21 Day Devotional — Be Kind — Day 11

Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

“You are always and dearly loved by God! So robe yourself with virtues of God, since you have been divinely chosen to be holy. Be merciful as you endeavor to understand others, and be compassionate, showing kindness toward all. Be gentle and humble, unoffendable in your patience with others.”

Introduction:

Our focus is on the virtue: kindness, as described in Colossians 3:12. In a world that often values competitiveness and self-interest, God calls us to be clothed in kindness. Kindness is often mistaken for niceness. Kindness is the virtue of deeply loving in such a way you want the best for someone. Even if it means standing up or saying difficult thing.

Reflection:

The Divine Perspective:

In this verse, Paul reminds us of our identity as God's chosen people, set apart and deeply loved. It's from this position of grace that we are called to clothe ourselves with specific qualities, with kindness at the forefront.

Dress with Kindness:

Compassion:

- Kindness often begins with compassion, a deep empathy for the pain and struggles of others.
- When we see through compassionate eyes, we're more inclined to respond with kindness.

Humility:

- Humility keeps us from thinking we're better than others.
- It allows us to approach them with genuine concern and respect, regardless of their circumstances.

Gentleness:

- Gentleness is the way we handle others.
- It's speaking and acting in a way that considers their feelings and well-being.

Patience:

- Patience is a form of kindness because it involves enduring difficult situations or people with grace and love.

God's Heart:

God's kindness towards us is a reflection of His character. He loved us when we were undeserving, and His kindness leads us to repentance (Romans 2:4).

When we clothe ourselves with kindness, we mirror God's heart to a world in need of His love and grace.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your kindness toward us. Help us, as Your chosen people, to put on kindness as a daily garment. May our lives be a reflection of Your loving and compassionate heart to those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Take A Way

As you go about your day, remember that kindness is not just a virtue but a reflection of God's character. By clothing ourselves in kindness, we carry His love and grace into a world that desperately needs it. Let your life be a testimony of God's kindness.