

Get Dressed 21 Day Devotional — Forgive — Day 16

Colossians 3:13 (TPT)

“Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ. If you find fault with someone, release this same gift of forgiveness to them.”

Introduction:

Our focus is on the virtue of forgiveness as emphasized in Colossians 3:13.

Just as we carefully select our daily attire, let's consider how we can "get dressed" with forgiveness as part of our daily clothing.

Reflection:

- **Clothed with Forgiveness:**
 - Imagine forgiveness as a coat you put on.
 - It's a coat of grace, covering you with the capacity to release grudges and embrace reconciliation.

- **The Command to Forgive:**
 - The verse instructs us to "forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone."
 - Forgiveness is not a suggestion; it's a command for God's chosen people.

- **Forgive as the Lord Forgave You:**
 - The basis for our forgiveness of others is the forgiveness we have received from the Lord.
 - We are to extend the same grace to others that God has given us.

Action Plan

Practical Steps for Forgiveness:

1. **Bear with Each Other:**
 - a. This means having patience and understanding toward others.
 - b. It's the first step in fostering an atmosphere of forgiveness.

2. **Reflect on God's Forgiveness:**
 - a. Take a moment to ponder the depth of forgiveness God has given you.

- b. Remember His grace can soften your heart towards those who have wronged you.
- 3. Seek Reconciliation:
 - a. Forgiveness is not only about letting go of grudges but also seeking reconciliation when possible.
 - b. Reach out to those you need to forgive and work toward mending relationships.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the forgiveness You've shown us. Help us to "get dressed" with forgiveness every day, extending the same grace to others as You have given to us. May our hearts be open to reconciliation and healing. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing:

As you go about your day, remember to put on forgiveness as part of your daily attire. Just as you clothe yourself physically, let forgiveness be an essential part of your spiritual clothing. By doing so, you not only reflect God's character but also contribute to a world in need of healing and grace.