

QUESTIONS

“Why Do You Submit To Its Rules?” (Part 7)

Colossians 3:12-14

“as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity”

- I. IDENTITY FOR INCENTIVE: (Col 3:12a)
- II. RELATING TO OTHERS: (Colossians 3:12-14)
Cloth Yourselves With Expressions of Love

1. COMPASSION 2. KINDNESS 3. HUMILITY

4. GENTLENESS (MEEKNESS)

Humility must precede gentleness. For only a humble person can develop a gentle spirit.

Gentleness is that quiet, gentle spirit, which will calmly endure disappointments or mistreatment.

You will never know if you have the disposition of gentleness until you are abused by others. Then, you will know.

5. PATIENCE

The self-restraint which enables one to bear injury and insult without resorting to hasty retaliation. The praise of Christian love is that it suffers long. (1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient)

6. FORBEARANCE “bear with each another”

Forbearance suggests the thought of putting up with things we dislike in others. It is a willingness to bear with those whose faults and unpleasantness are an irritant.

To agree means “to be in harmony with.”

To approve means “to deem satisfactory.”

To accept means “to receive graciously.”

7. FORGIVENESS

The word here is built on the same root as the word grace and means to bestow favor unconditionally. This means that the Christian is to always treat the offending party graciously.

8. LOVE

“over all these virtues” “put on THE love”

Wrap up all the others with this clothing. Love is all of these and more than all of these.

Two thoughts of love and unity:

1) That Love Unifies All of These Virtues

2) That Love is the Bond that Unifies Us