

## Colossians 3:12-14

### *The Characteristics of the New Man*

The New Man Described (v. 12a)

The New Man's Characteristics Listed (v. 12b)

The New Man's Characteristics Explained (v. 13)

The New Man's Characteristics Applied (v. 14)

## Application of Colossians 3:12-14

1. Reflect on the words describing believers, "God's chosen ones, holy, and beloved." Use this to form a prayer of thanks to the Lord and consider how you are to live as those who are 'chosen, holy, and beloved.'
2. Notice Paul's focus on church unity is about how we should respond to others, not what others have done/not done to us. This is an important principle in dealing with conflict and being part of church unity.
3. Prayerfully think about the actions Paul calls believers to "put on" (vv. 12, 14) and ask the Lord to help you grow in demonstrating each of these.
4. Are any of the virtues described in this passage a particular weakness for you? Do a word study on this virtue to understand God's perspective on this quality better and ask for His help in 'putting on' this virtue. You may also like to memorize a relevant Scripture verse and ask others for prayer/accountability. You can complete a word study on [www.Biblehub.com](http://www.Biblehub.com) by choosing the verse, selecting interlinear & then clicking on the link to the Strong's number for that word. This will provide you with cross references & definitions for that Greek word.
5. Are there other believers you have a hard time "bearing with?" Consider your attitude toward them and ask the Lord to help you demonstrate the characteristics of the new man in your interaction with them.
6. Consider what it means "as the Lord has forgiven you" and commit to forgive others in this same way. In light of this, are there people you need to forgive in this manner? Maybe you also need to ask forgiveness for not forgiving them in a biblical manner?
7. Read the parable of the unforgiving servant (Matt 18:21-35) and respond to this in thanks and praise for the King of kings who has forgiven your unpayable debt!

Reading this week: Read through Col 3:12-17

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sermon Main Points</u></p> <p><i>The _____ of the _____</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Bible References:</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>	<p>The _____ Man _____ (v. 12a)</p> <p>The New Man's _____ Listed (v. 12b)</p>	
<u>Verses</u>	<p>The New Man's Characteristics _____ (v. ____)</p> <p>The New Man's Characteristics _____ (v. ____)</p>	

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Characteristics	Forgive/Forgiveness	Love	New Man	Paul

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: