



# DRESS FOR SUCCESS

## **Dress for Success**

### **Key idea:**

Christians are called to walk according to their new nature, which requires being clothed in the virtues of Christ.

### **Key text:**

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, 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 one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **Key points:**

1. Christians are holy, dearly loved by God and chosen by Him.
2. Christians are to no longer be clothed with worldly desires and impulses.
3. Christians are to be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and love.
4. The peace of Christ is to rule in the Christian's heart.
5. The gospel is to be alive in the Christian's life.
6. Doing all in the Name of Christ is success for the Christian.

**Questions for discussion/application:**

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Does knowing you are chosen, holy and dearly loved by God affect your thinking? Your actions?
3. How does the peace of God relate to the virtues of Christ in Colossians 3:12?
4. How can reading and studying God's Word help with these virtues?
5. Bobby used the analogy of the Christian life as a career on Sunday and the clothing in the passage as being appropriate for that career. What are examples of inappropriate clothing that you need to discard?
6. Are there other believers with whom you can share what you have learned this week? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share His Word.