

Text: Colossians 3:12
Topic: Kindness. Friendship.
Series: The Book of Colossians

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Real Friends

Cultivating Genuine Kindness

part 1



1. Know _____

*Colossians 3:12
Therefore, as
God's chosen
people, holy and
dearly loved,
clothe yourselves
with compassion,
kindness, humility,
gentleness and
patience. (NIV)*

2. Dare _____

3. Keep _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Besides family members, how many Christians do you know who you would consider to be your "true friends"?

If you consider that number low, why do you think it isn't higher?

2. In what way is truly and deeply caring for someone a risky proposition?

How do your insecurities inhibit you in initiating new friendships or deepening existing friendships?

How and with whom will you initiate or deepen a friendship this week?

3. Describe a situation in which a selfish expectation to "get something" from your friend has damaged or strained your friendship.
4. In your friendships what amount of time are you focused on your needs as compared to the needs of your friends?

In your friendships what amount of time are you concerned with your friends' character as compared to your own character?

5. Which of the five virtues listed in Colossians 3:12 would you say you need to work on the most in order to become a better friend? How will you specifically apply this virtue in ministering to your friends this week?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

2 Kgs. 16-17 & Rom. 13

Monday

2 Kgs. 18-19 & Rom. 14

Tuesday

2 Kgs. 20-21 & Rom. 15

Wednesday

2 Kgs. 22-23 & Rom. 16

Thursday

2 Kgs. 24-25 & Ps. 1-2

Friday

1 Chr. 1-2 & Ps. 3-4

Saturday

1 Chr. 3-4 & Ps. 5-6