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Step One: Read the Word.

"In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Read Colossians 3:12 – 4:1. Remember to pray before you read God's Word, asking the Holy Spirit to open the scripture to your understanding.

Circle any key words and underline phrases that stick out to you. Use the column to the right to jot down any notes, scripture references, or questions you might have. You can use the "Bible Study Aids" in the introduction and background to Lesson One to gain more understanding of the passage of scripture.

Colossians 3:12-4:1 Christian Standard Bible (CSB) The Christian Life ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to	
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forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,^[a] singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Christ in Your Home

¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and don't be bitter toward them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they won't become discouraged. ²² Slaves, obey your human masters in everything. Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, ²⁴ knowing that you will

receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong he has done, and there is no favoritism.

4 Masters, deal with your slaves justly and fairly, since you know that you too have a Master in heaven.

Step 2. Consider the Word.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”

Re-read Colossians Chapter 3:12 – Chapter 4:1 and answer the questions below.

1. What does Paul call believers in 3:12? Fill in the blanks below.

God's _____, holy and _____
Loved.

What does this say about you as a believer?

2. Name the five things we are to “put on.” (3:12)

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3. Fill in the blank from 3:14:

Above all, put on _____, which is the _____ bond of
_____.

Why would love create unity in a body of believers?

4. How are we to treat others that have hurt us or are difficult? Why are we to forgive?
(3:13)

5. What spiritual disciplines will help us to “let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly”? (3:16)

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 - a. How are wives to relate to their husbands and why? (v. 18).
 - b. According to Ephesians 5:22-23, who are wives really submitting to when they submit to their husbands?
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 - a. What are husbands admonished to do in Col 3:19?
 - b. According to Ephesians 5:25-30 who is the example that husbands are to follow and why?
8. What must children do to please the Lord? (3:20)

9. Praise God there is no more slavery in this country, but what relevance could Col 3:22 have to an employee's work ethic?

10. How does Chapter 4:1 help guide an employer's treatment of his/her employees?

Memory Verse: And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful.

Write the memory verse down below:

Step 3. Walk in the Word.

“So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him.”

Re-read Colossians Chapter 3:12 – Chapter 4:1 and answer the questions below.

1. Look again at Colossians Chapter 3:12-17.
 - a. Read Col 3:12-14 as compared with the passage below from Galatians 5:16 and 22-23:

***16** I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh.*

***22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.*

What does this tell you about **how** we are to put on our spiritual wardrobe of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another (v. 12-13)?

- b. Which piece of this spiritual wardrobe is hardest for you? Why?
2. How might Colossians 3:17 help you deal with a difficult person or situation?

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 - a. Verse 15: “And **let** the peace of Christ, to which you were called in one body, rule your hearts.” The Greek word for “let” in this sentence means “to be an umpire, to decide, determine, direct, control, rule.” What does this tell you about our role in allowing peace to rule our hearts?
 - b. What are some evidences of letting the peace of Christ rule in our hearts?
 - c. How do you know when you are NOT letting the peace of Christ rule your heart?
4. How would “putting on love” (Col 3:14) and doing everything “from the heart as something done for the Lord” (Col 3:23) empower wives to relate to their husbands in godly submission and respect and husbands to treat their wives with love and self-sacrifice?
5. How might Col. 3:23-25 help you deal with a situation where you are not appreciated or suffering an injustice?

Write the memory verse below:

**And _____ the peace of _____, to which you were also
_____ in one body, _____ your hearts. And be
_____. Colossians 3:15**

What lesson or truth meant the most to you this week?

Journal a prayer below, thanking God for that truth.

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