

# Do Unto Others

Colossians 3:10-14

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**Theme:** Treating others rightly is much more than a nice thing Christians should do. Loving one another is faith in practice. It proceeds from the putting on of the new man (v. 10) and our position in Christ (v. 11, 12). Without a love for others, we cannot know God as we ought (v. 15-17; 1 John 4:20-21).

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### SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES:

#### Two great “love commandments:”

**Mark 12:30** Love the Lord thy God...

**Matthew 22:39** Love thy neighbour as thyself.

**The “golden rule:”** (Luke 6:31) *“As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.”*

**The “royal law”** (James 2:8) *“Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself”*

**A “new commandment” from Jesus Christ** (John 13:34) *“Love one another; as I have loved you”*

**The example of Jesus Christ** (1 John 3:16) *“He laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”*

**God’s command to love the brethren** (1 John 4:20-21) You don’t love God if you don’t love the brethren.

Don’t expect to have a right relationship with God if you don’t first have a right relationship with others.

- If it’s not possible to live peaceably with someone (Rom. 12:18), you might have to separate yourself from that person to avoid sinning in your anger (Eph. 4:26).

#### How Can We Get Along With Others?

**Step 1: “Put on the new man!”** (vs 10). We are not naturally nice. Our **“new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him”** (the image of Jesus Christ), makes it possible for us to get along with people we normally wouldn’t like or relate to (vs 11).

**Step 2:** Remember that you are beloved of God and no matter what people do to you, you know you are secure in Christ (vs 12).

#### Do Unto Others According To:

- I. **Mercy (v. 12)**—Withholding judgment from those who deserve to be judged.
  - A. **Bowels: the inner organs collectively -- the center of deep emotion (Philippians 1:8)**
  - B. **Mercy: withholding judgment from those who deserve it (James 3:17, Luke 23:34)**
    1. **Actions of Judgment**—We want to see someone physically punished.
    2. **Words of Judgment**—Complaining about someone to others.
    3. **Attitudes of Judgment (Romans 12:8)**—Remember God’s mercy toward you, and be happy to show mercy to others without complaining.

- II. **Kindness (v. 12)** (Luke 6:31-35; Ephesians 4:32) —Doing things to please or help others.
- III. **Humility (v. 12)** (Matthew 23:11-12; 1 Peter 5:5-6) —Thinking of somebody before yourself. Taking the lower place.
- If you exalt yourself (pride), you will be abased (put down by others in humiliation).
  - If you humble yourself, you will be exalted (lifted up by others in honor).
- IV. **Meekness (v. 12)** (Titus 3:2; Galatians 6:1; 2 Timothy 2:25) —Placing others before yourself.
- V. **Long Suffering (v. 12)** (Colossians 1:11) —To put up with someone for a longtime.
- VI. **Forbearance (v. 13)** (Ephesians 4:2) —To refrain from enforcing a right or obligation.
- VII. **Forgiveness (V. 13)** (Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 18:20-21) —To give up resentment toward someone.
- ***“Forgiving one another...even as Christ Forgave you, so also do ye.”***
    - We were at enmity with God as sinners.
    - Men nailed God’s Son to the cross.
    - He had a quarrel against us.
    - He forgave us and cleansed us of our sins. (Luke 23:34).
- VIII. **Charity (v. 14)** —A love that gives expecting nothing in return.