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Focus Question:

How does a follower of Christ dress for success?

1. **Dress _____ who you are.**
Col. 3:12-14
1Pet. 2:9
2. **Dress to live in _____ with others.**
Col. 3:12b-14
3. **Dress with a _____ frame of mind.**
Col. 3:15-17

Application Questions:

Did you dress well this morning? How does your life reveal a preoccupation with Jesus?

Questions for reflection and discussion.

1. **Read Colossians 3:12-17. Where does God stop you and why?**

2. How does this passage relate to what came before in chapter 3?

3. C.S. Lewis says that passages like this encourage us to “pretend” in a good way. He says this:

Now, the moment you realize ‘Here I am, dressing up as Christ,’ it is extremely likely that you will see at once some way in which at that very moment the pretense could be made less of a pretense and more of a reality. You will find several things going on in your mind which would not be going on there if you were really a child of God. Well, stop them. Or you may realize that, instead of saying your prayers, you ought to be downstairs writing a letter or helping your wife to wash-up. Well, go and do it. . . . You see what is happening. The Christ Himself, the Son of God who is man (just like you) and God (just like His Father) is actually at your side and is already at that moment beginning to turn your pretense into a reality. (Lewis, C. S.. Mere Christianity (C.S. Lewis Signature Classics) (p. 189). HarperCollins. Kindle Edition.)

4. What are your thoughts on Lewis’ comments as it relates to this passage in Colossians? How do we become more like who Jesus says we are in this passage and in 1Pet. 2:9 and less like who we feel ourselves to be?

5. What is the desired result of verses 12b-14?

6. What virtue is mentioned three times in verses 15-17? What is the significance of this?

7. What is the connection between “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual psalms” with “teaching and admonishing in all wisdom?”