

SERMON NOTES

Perspective: Attitude
Colossians 3:12-13

In Colossians 3, Paul moves from focus and having the right mind, to the issue of attitude. We all have a choice to make about our attitude every morning when we put our feet on the floor: “What is my attitude going to be today towards my family and friends, my co-workers, my classmates, my teammates, strangers, and neighbors? In verses 12-13, Paul entreated the Colossians to have a Christ-like attitude toward others. “Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.” *Philippians 1:27*

Key thought: We are expected to have a Christ-like attitude toward others.

THE APPEAL

- You are a part of God’s people – Chosen
- You are set apart by God – Holy
- You are the object of God’s love - Beloved

THE PATTERN – A CHOICE

1 Corinthians 13

Put on is from *enduō*, which means “to put on clothes,” or “envelop in.” The qualities that follow are to cover the new man.

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think, say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play the one string we have, and that is our attitude..." *Chuck Swindoll*

- Choose compassion - heart of compassion [Luke 6:36](#); [James 5:11](#); [Matthew 9:36](#)
- Choose kindness [Luke 6:35](#); [Matthew 11:29-30](#); [Luke 10:25-37](#)
- Choose humility [Ephesians 4:2](#); [Philippians 2:3](#); [1 Peter 5:5](#)
- Choose gentleness [Galatians 5:22-23](#)
- Choose patience [1 Timothy 1:16](#); [2 Peter 3:15](#)
- Choose to bear with one another
- Choose to forgive one another [Ephesians 4:32](#); [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

Take away:

- Ask God to reveal your heart attitude
- Be honest with yourself about your attitude toward others
- Confess and repent of any attitude that is inconsistent with Christ-like character