



Challenge from the podcast:

Define the qualities God gives to unify us. Choose one to practice each day of the week, praying daily that God will work it through you!

Define ...

COMPASSION: a feeling of deep sympathy for another, displaying a strong desire to alleviate suffering or sorrow.

KINDNESS:

HUMILITY

MEEKNESS

PATIENCE

BEARING WITH OTHERS

FORGIVING

LOVING

PEACEFUL

UNIFIED

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect unity. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:12-15 ESV

This week, choose a quality you defined from the verse for each day, praying and relying daily for God to bring it through you.

MONDAY: _____

TUESDAY: _____

WEDNESDAY: _____

THURSDAY: _____

FRIDAY: _____

Sample prayer: Father God, I thank You for the people you have placed in my life today, even those which sometimes challenge me in the area of unity. Help me today, Lord as I seek to display the COMPASSION You ask in Your word that I put on. Help me to be fully clothed in it today, ready to have honest sympathy and sincere feeling for someone in need that You will show me. Give me the desire and the resources to help them. In Jesus name, Amen.



Getting Dressed for Unity

007.The Bond of Love

Yes, we are in a war!
But God equips us with
the love that binds us
together in perfect
peace and UNITY!



My purpose is not to change minds, but to challenge perspectives. The knowledge that we are in a war should not frighten us, but rather enlighten us as to the divine power available to us from God.

BELT of TRUTH:

I am upheld and supported at my core by unchanging standards allowing me to STAND FIRM. I can always depend upon God's view on a matter, giving me freedom of movement, not restricted by false beliefs, deception, or fear.



In Christ...

the Warrior SHE will be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. She will PUT ON her full armor of God daily that she may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil... those which cause doubt, deception and division... and she will purpose to be in unity with others, putting on the bonds of love and peace which bring about the victory of the Lord.

based on Ephesians 6:10-11

We have a multitude of choices each day as to what we choose to put on. These include those things to which we listen, read, watch and let stream past us on the feed of social media.

Our world is a constant flow of information and not all of it necessary for our soul. Let us be more particular about what we allow, about what we let sink in, about that with which we clothe ourselves.

Most of us wouldn't just pick up any old rag and throw it on if we had somewhere we wanted to go to make a good impression. So as warriors, we need to be suited up properly, ready for the battle with clothing... with armor that is not worn and torn, and handled by everyone else first.

Let us rather arm ourselves with the truth that God has spoken, the Word of God. For it is living, active and sharper than any double-edged sword. And in our hands it can be a fresh revelation if we will ask Him to use it as such.

SHOES of PEACE:

Not in strappy sandals, but rather the sturdy boots of a soldier, I will stand my ground, knowing who I am in Christ and step forward, taking hold of what Christ has set before me as purposed and planned works for His glory to advance the Kingdom.



Consider writing a Prayer of Thanksgiving at the end of the week...

Journal each day what God showed you through this week, in this verse. Consider any areas of your life which were a challenge, any that were improved, or that surprised you. Thank God for new awareness, even in areas which may have caused deeper reflection or correction in your spirit. How might you have approached a situation differently, how would you have done it exactly the same? Would this be a challenge you could continue with another truth from God's word? Consider it!

I'd love to hear from you... consider dropping me a brief comment or note if this was helpful, or if you have a suggestion to make it better.

PUT ON: clothe self, sink into a garment! This is getting dressed from inside out (episode 003, putting me on)

CHOSEN: those who have chosen, “the choosers”, already made up their mind, set/chosen

Anyone can be one of the chosen by choosing to believe

You are **CHOSEN** because you choose Him

HOLY and BELOVED: living a life that endeavors to please Him, with right heart intent, not ignoring His ways

COMPASSIONATE

KIND

HUMBLE

MEEK: power under pressure, self-controlled

PATIENT: an understanding that others are flawed as we, ourselves are

BEARING UP: with one another, to hold up, patiently suffering, persist, completing a process

COMPLAINING: blame, fault finding, rejecting, condemning

FORGIVING: to show favor, give freely, pardon,... even in advance... as Christ forgave us

PUT ON LOVE: clothe ourselves...

BINDS/BOND: in close union, inner identity, harmony.... As ligaments of members in a body.. w/o them no movement, no flexibility.. .rigid and stagnant, still and unchanging

UNITY: oneness, completeness, perfection toward maturity, supports one another in one stage progressing to the next... understanding that we can improve.... Like I hope to improve tomorrow.. being better, thinking the best of others

PEACE: all the parts together, wholeness.., ruling in our hearts.... On the throne

BE THANKFUL: gratefulness, gratit