

GUARDRAILS
The Bond Of Love
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Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV

Grab This!

Love of God and love of others is founded in the very genetics of Christian character and expression, because expressing love is an _____
_____ for his people.

Key Verses of the Day

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:14-17 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

Christians bring _____ when they love others well.

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Don't Miss This!

Christian love is the emulsifier of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience because it _____ them all together into a true representation of Christian _____.

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What does Christian love look like according to Colossians 3?

- Christian love expresses compassion for those in suffering.
- Christian love is kind when others are valued and they know that they matter.
- Christian love is humble when the needs of others are more important than our own.
- Christian love is gentle when we are angry when it is appropriate, but gentle when it is required.
- Christian love is patient when we continue to contend for the salvation of humanity.
- Christian love is authentic when it forgives others for wrongs done to them.

Grab This!

These virtues of grace are bound together in _____, when enacted in love.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:2 NIV

A Proper Christian Mindset...

- Allows the peace of Christ to _____ our heart.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. Colossians 3:15 NIV

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... Romans 5:1 NIV

Grab This!

When we allow the Peace of Christ to call the decisions in our heart we are striving toward _____.

... since as members of one body...

A Proper Christian Mindset...

- Expresses _____ for unity.

And be thankful. Colossians 3:15b NIV

A Proper Christian Mindset...

- Encourages others in the _____.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16 NIV

Grab This!

1) We are to encourage one another in the faith by instructing each other, and sometimes even correcting each other — _____.

2) We are to encourage one another by _____ together.

...through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

A Proper Christian Mindset...

- Is all about giving _____.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 NIV

The Bottom Line

Why do we clothe ourselves with these qualities of goodness?

So that God gets the _____ for how we live.

The Challenge

If we are a Christian let's make sure that God is getting the credit for a life that is well-lived... not poorly lived... by loving others well.