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anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another (vv.8-9a)

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*if one has a complaint against another,
forgiving each other. . . . And above all these
put on love, which binds everything
together in perfect harmony. (vv.12-14)*

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph.2:8-9)

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Goal #1: Be Mindful of Who You Are
in Christ

Colossians 3:1-4

Goal #2: Don't Be Who You Are
Apart from Christ

Colossians 3:5-10

Goal #3: Become More Like Christ
Every Day (Part 2)

Colossians 3:11-14

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“All these” refers to:

*compassionate hearts, kindness, humility,
meekness (or gentleness), and
patience, bearing with one another, . . .
forgiving each other (vv.12-13).*

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

(1 Cor.13:4-7)

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Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. (v.11)

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to feel deeply for another person

kindness

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“Apart from God's grace, most of us naturally tend to be concerned about ourselves – *our* responsibilities, *our* problems, *our* plans.

Kindness

“But the person who has grown in the grace of kindness has expanded his thinking outside of himself and has developed a genuine interest in the happiness and well-being of those around him.”

- Jerry Bridges

humility

humility –

an absence of arrogance and self-promotion.

Jesus emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, and that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross (Phil.2:7-8).

meekness or gentleness

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strength under control

Patience or longsuffering

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a willingness to put up with difficult people or situations for a long period of time without retaliation or bitterness.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (Rom.8:28-29a).

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