

Col 3: 12-14. Clothes index to character - very little clothes, little character. Xian Jie presented under pressure of a change of clothes - expressing a change of character - vs 12 - Put on new man, now put on new clothes.

Put on: acuit = a permanent acquisition of these virtues. new clothes never wear out, never out of style.

Reason = motive = vs 12 - elect = different = Holy = different fight to dress differently
qualities preeminently displayed in X's life.

I - our actions toward others =

1 - mercies = compassion - strongest and in compassion. Comes first because most often needed.

2 - Kindness = mercy in service - pity plus action - eliminate friction.

II - our attitude, estimate of ourselves =
Humility of mind = despised by pagan world - something everyone admires but no one wants to be.
→ opposite of self-assertion, domination, assuming a position above everyone else.

III - our Reaction = 12, 13, 14 = more revealing than actions more spoken about this.

1 - meekness = Submission to D's will - opposite of quick temper
2 - Longsuffering = @ response in face of provocation - absolute refusal to retaliate - to bear up under

3 - Fearless = stand by, endure, be devoted to - How quickly we throw away Xians!

4 - Forgiveness - gracious, confer = undeserved - X is model & motif = Since X forgave us everything

IV = The Binding Belt of Love - love-belt of perfectness
1 - Put on over other garments - to brace & confirm all the rest. Love is life blood of others - if not it, they will die.

2 - Completeness = GQ Men are we pleasing to D.