

The Well-Dressed X man = Col. 3:8-14

John: Clothes are often an index to character

Little clothes, little character -

Put on = clothe yourself = Rph uses this figure often

Rom 13:12, 14 = case of - Put on X; Gal 3:27; Eph 4:24

= I don't put new clothes on old man = they won't fit -

New man - new clothes = note sequence
Put off old clothes " " old man
Put on new man " " clothes

I removes us from inside out = reason " " clothes
they were able to turn world upside down is because they were first turned inside out

I - The Clothes of X-like Actions = Note { Everyone of these have to do w/ relationship to others }

1 - A Heart of Compassion = love reaching out - a deep, earnest, yearning

- Strongest word in bible for feeling of compassion
- Begins w/ this for it is most needed "out of the heart are the issues of life"
- used of Jesus - to describe his feeling toward us

2 - Kindness = the desire for another's good.

Pity plus ACTION = your neighbor's welfare is as important to you as your own

2 - Isaac = Gen 26:17-25 - dug wells 3 times before rested = gave the first two away.

II - The Clothes of X-like Reaction = anticipate & indicate conflicts - don't be surprised or shaken by them

- the test of the spirit-filled life isn't absence of offense but attitude toward - not living w/ out offenses but learning to live w/ them

Jesus said = "impossible but that offenses will come."

- we are to look upon every offense as an opportunity to experience victory = a witness for X

1. Humbleness, mild = self-estimate = this is just
because it determines your reaction = it is acknowledging
I have no rights to assert or defend

2. Meekness = directed toward men - a spirit of quiet
Submission = one who has learned to be controlled by
I = used of a domesticated animal.

* a readiness to give way when no principle is at stake, but only some personal opinion or desire

3. Longsuffering = reaction to provocation - the
absolute refusal to retaliate = defer anger

4. Forbearing & forgiving = to endure patiently & "grace"
each other = whether he deserves it or not
= the pattern is X forbear = to stand by
= quarrel = a just cause, complaint ↓ wives & people

5. Belt of Love = love is no mere additional
garment = it is the bond which brings completeness =
hardship isn't complete = holds all me others
on = ~~lose~~ without the belt of love, the others
will fall off.

- a tendency to fly apart.

Why Some of these won't fit

- 1 - Trying to put them on the old man = wrong size
- 2 - Trying to put them on over old clothes
anger, wrath, malice, etc.