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Thanksgiving and Compassion – Colossians 3:12-17

Compassion

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

Question 1: Have you ever seen a great display of compassion?

Question 2: Which of the commanded behaviours in v12 is the hardest to follow?

Question 3: What does perfect harmony look like in your work place, social circle, home or church?

Question 4: How might the peace of Christ rule in your heart?

Thanksgiving

And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Question 5: How do you encourage the word of God to dwell richly in your hearts and lives? (v16)

Question 6: What does it mean to “do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus”?

Question 7: What is the encouragement and challenge you take from the passage?

Prayer

Loving Heavenly Father, thank you that your compassion is seen all over your world, reaching into some very dark places of despair. Help me to understand the depth of your compassion, receive your compassion and share it with others. As I answer your call to compassion, may your word dwell in me richly, so that I whatever you do, in word or deed, I will do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.