

Dressing for Community: Holy Manners

"Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves..."

Colossians 3:12

What "clothes" do you need for your group to do the "work" God has given you to do together?

1. Create a list of needed and desired "clothes" using Colossians 3:12-17 as a guide.
2. Tell why each of these qualities will be important, even essential for your work together.
3. Now, decide on your groups Top 5 and be ready to tell the other groups why you selected these five as most important.

What to Wear

Why this will be needed

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Now, take a look at this next list and tell why each of these qualities "clash" with the first list. In other words, why are these to be avoided at all cost in your work together?

What NOT to Wear

Why this clashes & is to be avoided

Disrespect

Selfishness

Anonymous Complaints

Gossip /Slander

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And 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 3:12-17