

## ***A Practical Guide to Growing in Christlikeness***

- **Day One** — Read **Colossians 3:1-17**

Take an extended period of time to reflect on this passage. Note the relationship between our responsibility (put to death, clothe yourselves) and God's responsibility (raised us up). How can you be proactive in partnering with the Lord and His grace so that you can grow more in His likeness?

**Pray** and thank God for His power to change your life.

- **Day Two** — Read **John 15:1-17**

How can you abide in Jesus this week? What are some common areas in your life that hinder your ability to abide in Him. Challenge yourself to create some extra space this week to be alone and turn off all distractions so that You can meditate on His word and press in to hearing His heart for you.

**Pray** and ask God to prune the areas in your life that distract your ability to abide in Christ.

- **Day Three** — Read **Ephesians 4:20-24, 2 Peter 1:3-9**

Make a list of things or characteristics that you think define you. Then make a list about what God says about your new identity in Him. What does 'making every effort' look like to you as it pertains to your walk with Christ?

**Pray** and thank God for providing everything you need for living a FULL life in Him. Ask God for faith to believe what He says about you more than your own thoughts or the accusations of the enemy.

New Life Lessons  
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### **"A New Attitude"**

#### **New #3**

Philippians 2:5-11

**Philippians 1:27** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel...

**Philippians 2:1-4** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>1</sup> If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. John 17:20-23

### **Human Mindset vs God's Mindset**

**Genesis 2:16-17** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>6</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

**Matthew 16:21-23** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. <sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" <sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Isaiah 55:8

**Matthew 27:18** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>18</sup> For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him. Proverbs 14:12

## Jesus is the Perfect Prototype

**Philippians 2:5–8** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Matthew 11:29, 2 Corinthians 5:14-16

**1 John 2:6** <sup>(NASB)</sup> <sup>6</sup> the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

**Mark 10:45** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”  
Luke 9:51, Luke 13:31-33, Luke 22:27, John 13:13–15

## The Cross: The Only Way to a God-Orientation

**Romans 8:12–16** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

Romans 12:1-2

**Galatians 2:20** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.  
Colossians 3:3

**Matthew 16:24–25** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

## Baptism Demonstrates Identifying With Christ

**Romans 6:4–7** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through *baptism* into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup> If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Colossians 2:12

**Ephesians 4:4–6** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.  
Ephesians 4:22-24

## In the Kingdom, Down is Up

**1 Peter 5:5–7** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>5</sup> ...All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**Luke 14:10–11** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place....<sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

**Philippians 2:9–11** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.     Isaiah 42:8, Eph. 4:9-10

**Ephesians 1:20–21** <sup>(NIV)</sup> <sup>20</sup> ...He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Matthew 23:11