



Dealing with the Disaster of Secularism

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Dealing with the Disaster of Secularism- Putting on the Character of Christ- Colossians 3:12-17

- I. What is accepted in our world today?
 - A. We must _____ the world what the Christian life looks like
 - B. We must put on the character of Jesus Christ because we are _____ to do and because we are chosen and loved by God, and we are holy in Christ.
- II. 11 Characteristics of Christ to fight against the disaster of secularism
 - A. Compassionate _____ - this is not just a feeling, but it also includes action.
 - B. Kindness- this term refers to the grace that _____ the whole person, and softening anything might be harsh.
 - C. Humility
 1. humility is the _____ of Christ (a servant's mindset): a focus on God and other, a pursuit of the recognition and the exaltation of God, and a desire to glorify and please God in all things and by all things He has given.
 2. Several manifestations of humility
 - a. We will be _____ with God's undeserved grace and goodness and desire to share that with others.
 - b. We will hate our sin the most and be repenting of it
 - c. We will be _____ and grateful in general toward others.
 - d. We will be praying a lot.
 - e. We will be _____ others
 - f. We will be open and honest about our shortcomings and seeking help from others
 - g. We will be sharing truth others no matter what the response will be

D. Meekness

1. Meekness or gentleness- we define that as not ramming our opinions down someone else's throat but rather standing on the Word of God.
2. A gentle and _____ person knows he is a sinner among sinners and is willing to suffer for standing on the truth of God's Word.

E. Patience

F. Bearing with one another

1. A _____ person does not get easily angered with others.
2. Bearing with another means We will endure and stick with one another in spite of persecution, threats, injury, indifference, or complaints and not retaliate.

G. Forgiving

1. We must realize that we are commanded to forgive as Christ forgives.
 - a. We don't dwell on the forgiven person's sin anymore-
Jeremiah 31:34
 - b. We don't talk about the forgiven person's sin- 1 Peter 4:8
 - c. We don't let the forgiven person's sin hinder our relationship-
Psalm 103:12

H. Love

I. Peace and thankfulness

1. Even in the midst of great turmoil and in our nation today, where we don't know what is going to take place, we can still have peace because we know that Jesus Christ is _____ than anything that can take place.
2. True peace is only found in Jesus Christ, not in a bottle, not in medication, not in relaxation and time off of work, and not in earthly relationships.
3. The antidote to worry is prayer and applying our lives to God's Word

J. Think biblically

1. God's Word will permeate every aspect of our lives. It will govern every one of our thoughts, words, and actions.

K. We must do all things in the name of Jesus

1. Everything we do we must do in the name of Christ because we bear the name of Christ.
2. We have to realize that we have been bought from the slavery of sin to live for Jesus Christ. The only thing we deserve is to live a life of dead in our sins, die in our sin, and spend eternity in hell, but God saved us from that through the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ.