

UGLY Christmas SWEATER

UGLY ACTIONS

Part 4 of 4 / Colossians 3:12-17
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- 1. PEOPLE DO _____ THINGS IN THE NAME OF CHRISTMAS.**
 - Colossians 3:17
 - When we give thanks for all God has already given us, we are more ready to treat others with love and respect—all in the name of Jesus.
 - Our actions are reactions, choices based on how we feel in the moment, without consideration for their impact on our future.
- 2. YOU PICK YOUR _____.**
 - Colossians 3:12
 - The Greek word used for “clothe” or “put on” is the word “Enduo”.
 - Colossians 3:13-14
- 3. LOVE IS A _____.**
 - John 3:16-17
 - 1 John 4:8-12

APPLICATION POINT -

This Christmas season, let’s clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience in the way we treat others. Is there someone in your life who needs your forgiveness? Are there areas of unforgiveness in your heart? Let’s live out Colossians 3:14, taking intentional steps to forgive others as Christ forgave us.

GROWTH QUESTIONS:

1. It is much easier to tear people down than to build them up. Why is this so?
2. Pastor Nate said in his message, “Our actions are reactions, choices based on how we feel in the moment, without consideration for their impact on our future.” Why are our actions often a reflection of how we feel?
3. How is the Christmas story a model for humility?
4. Harboring unforgiveness is dangerous, and forgiveness is not dependent on other people’s actions, accolades, or acceptance. Who or what do you need to forgive in your life?
5. This is not a question but a reminder. Sometimes, the most difficult person to forgive is ourselves. You are worth forgiveness! No matter what has happened in your life, there is forgiveness at the foot of the cross. Trust God. He is BIG enough!