FOCUS togetherness

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Together in Kindness

Ephesians 4:31-32

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[31]Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. [32]Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. —Ephesians 4:31-32

• Put Away Damaging _____

… to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires.
—Ephesians 4:22

• Put On Healing _____

[1]I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2]with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3]eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. —Ephesians 4:1-3

[20]But that is not the way you learned Christ!—[21]assuming that you have heard about Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Jesus, [22]to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, [23]and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, [24]and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. —Ephesians 4:20-24

"It is much easier to disciple vices than virtues."

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company… a church… a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past… we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude… I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you… we are in charge of our attitudes."
—Charles Swindoll

Notes:

TWO HEALING ATTITUDES = ONENESS

(Ephesians 4:1-3)

1. _____

(Ephesians 4:32)

Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? —Romans 2:4

… so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. —Ephesians 2:7

4But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
—Titus 3:4-7

2. _____

(Ephesians 4:32)

24Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. 25For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." —Matthew 16:24-25

"Faith in the gospel restructures our motivations, our self-understanding, our identity, and our view of the world. Behavioral compliance to rules without heart-change will be superficial and fleeting… We can only change permanently as we take the gospel more deeply into our understanding and into our hearts. We must feed on the gospel, as it were, digesting it and making it part of ourselves. That is how we grow." —Timothy Keller

"The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope." —Timothy Keller

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