

Sing To God With Gratitude
Colossians 3:12-17
Key Verse: 3:16

1. Read verse 12. What does "Therefore" refer to? (12; 3:1,9-10) How does Paul describe Christians? (12a) What virtues should we put on? (12b) Think about why these virtues are emphasized.
2. Read verses 13-14. How should we treat one another? Why is it so important to forgive one another? Which virtue does Paul emphasize? In what sense does love bind all the virtues together? (14; 1 Cor 13:4-8a)
3. Read verses 15-16. What does it mean to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts? (Jn 14:27; Isa 9:6b) Especially, what should we let dwell in us richly? (16a) How can we do this?
4. Read verse 16 again. Based on the word of Christ, what should we do? What is the significance of singing in the Christian community? (Eph 5:19-20; Rev 5:9)
5. Read verse 17. Who should be the focus of our words and deeds? (17a) How often does Paul repeat "thanks" or its equivalent in verses 15-17? Why is it so important to be thankful? (1 Th 5:18)