



Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, _____ one another and, if one has a complaint against another, _____ each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (Col 3:12-13)

We don't have to live with another human being very long before some inescapable conclusions begin to come to the forefront:

1. There is going to be _____.
 - Sometimes resulting from _____ (backgrounds, personalities, preferences, etc.)
 - Sometimes resulting from _____
2. How we _____ to, _____, and _____ those conflicts matters.

In **Colossians 3**, the Holy Spirit provides invaluable insight into how disciples of Jesus can recognize and deal with conflict in a healthy way that preserves the home and magnifies the King.

❖ Remember who you are in Christ: _____, _____, and _____

"Put on then" Christlikeness (Gal 3:27; 5:24) and bear the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23):

Inward Christlikeness	Outward Fruit
_____ heart	_____
_____	_____
_____ (or _____-suffering)	_____ & _____

"You both look at each other and simply admit that there are a lot of cow pies. But you say to each other: You know, there is more to this relationship than cow pies. And we are losing sight of that because we keep focusing on these cow pies. Let's throw them all in the compost pile. When we have to, we will go there and smell it and feel bad and deal with it the best we can. And then we are going to walk away from that pile and set our eyes on the rest of the field... Our hands may be dirty. And our backs may ache from all the shoveling. But one thing we know: We will not pitch our tent by the compost pile. We will only go there when we must. This is a gift of grace that we will give each other again and again and again—because we are chosen and holy and loved." (*This Momentary Marriage*)

