



## Stepping Stones

### Colossians 3:12-17 New Revised Standard Version

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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## Attitude Affects Everything

**"We choose what attitudes we have right now. And it's a continuing choice." –John Maxwell**

It's true! You and I have a choice to make. How we choose will influence what happens in the workplace, classroom, home, and even as the Church. Yes, our attitude is very important to who we are and are becoming in life. Not only did you have a choice to be here today, you also have the ability to determine why. Why are we here? This place? This time? What do we wish to accomplish? Our attitude will shape what happens in this space and even what goes on in our lives beyond the Sunday school and worship hours.

How many times have we heard or said, "Church just doesn't do anything for me."? Certainly, you have heard the statement, "I'm not being fed at church." Sometimes our minds and hearts are made up before we enter the space of discipleship and worship, and leave hardly different from the way we walked in. Our attitude about Church, specifically being the Church, will shape how far we go and what we are able to accomplish for the Kingdom of God. So, why are we here?

1. **We belong to the people of God.**
2. **We have experienced God's forgiveness.**
3. **We were made to honor God with our lives.**

**Prayer Pebble: Lord, remind me who I am and why I am here.**