

**HOW NOT TO BE DUMB WITH MONEY**

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*Colossians 3:1-15: Putting off the World, Putting on the things of Heaven  
From day 20 of the all-church reading plan*

**Icebreaker: What is something in your life that you are excited about, but are still waiting for it to happen?**

***Read Colossians 3:1-15...***

1. What is the value in setting our minds on things of heaven rather than on things of earth?

2. Why is having God's perspective important in the development of our inner character?

***In verses 5-10, Paul lists several negative attributes/characteristics of sin.***

3. Which do you struggle with the most? How has God helped you overcome them?

4. In verse 9, Paul emphasizes the importance of not lying to one another. Why is this a vital part of being part of a community of believers, particularly as it relates to putting off the things of the world as Paul says?

***In verses 11-15 Paul describes the qualities we ought to possess when we live in Christ.***

5. In verse 12, Paul mentions 5 qualities, define them (together if in a group) and discuss their value in building up the body of Christ and their importance as Christians.

6. In verse 13, Paul tells us to forgive each other just as we have been forgiven by Jesus. What is the most difficult thing about forgiveness for you?

7. Share an experience where you either forgave someone or they forgave you. How did you feel afterward? Was there a positive or negative change?

8. How does the description of life in Christ given in verse 11 and the qualities given in verses 12-13 produce the peace that Paul mentions in verse 15? How does it rule our hearts?