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# STEADY GROWTH OVER QUICK MOMENTS

**March Series: Living The Change**

**Week Focus: Living the Transformed Life**

**Scripture- Colossians 3:12-14**

*“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”*

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## Devotional Reflection

In Colossians 3, Paul describes the kind of character that grows in a life shaped by Christ. He tells believers to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. That language is intentional. Clothing is something we choose to put on day after day. In the same way, Christlike character is formed through repeated decisions to align our responses with the life of Jesus.

These qualities rarely appear instantly. They are cultivated gradually as we walk with God over time. Each moment of patience when irritation rises, each choice to show kindness when it would be easier to withdraw, and each act of humility when pride wants to take control is quietly shaping our character. These choices may feel small, but they are reinforcing the transformation God is building within us.

Many people expect spiritual growth to happen quickly through powerful moments of inspiration. Those moments can be meaningful, but lasting transformation is usually formed through something quieter and more steady. It grows through daily exposure to truth and the consistent practice of living it out in real situations.

Over time, what once required effort begins to feel more natural. The patience that once felt difficult becomes a normal response. The kindness that once required intentional thought becomes instinctive. This is how God builds durable lives—lives that can carry responsibility, navigate pressure, and reflect Christ consistently.

God is not rushing your development. He is patiently forming something strong within you. The character He is shaping is meant to endure. It is meant to sustain the calling He has placed on your life and to reflect His presence in the way you live and interact with others.

Today is an invitation to value the quiet work God is doing beneath the surface. Even when growth feels gradual, it is deeply meaningful. Each small act of obedience is strengthening the life God is building in you.

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## **Focus for Today**

### **Steady Formation**

#### **Practice**

- Notice one character quality God may be growing in you
  - Practice that quality intentionally in one interaction today
  - Reflect on how your response feels afterward
  - Thank God for the steady progress He is forming in you
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#### **Prayer**

“Lord, continue forming Christlike character in me. Teach me to clothe myself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Help me value steady growth and trust the pace of Your work in my life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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#### **Reflection Question**

What character trait might God be patiently strengthening in my life right now?