

West Valley Church of Christ – July 12, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:00

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (9)

I have sometimes asked and answered this question during a wedding ceremony: “How does one dress for success in a marriage?” What are we to wear that certifies a marriage will be enduring and satisfying? This is where Colossians 3:12 often enters a ceremony I conduct. I read the passage to reinforce God’s wardrobe for all His people. The directives are helpful in all of our relationships. Colossians 3:12, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” What a beautiful list of garments we are to clothe ourselves with in Colossians 3. The eighth defining characteristic in the list of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5 is called “gentleness.” The beautiful wardrobe the Apostle Paul invites us to put on is not made of material we get at the fabric store. Gentleness is woven of spiritual cloth by the Spirit of God. Living or walking by the Spirit is central to being a successful servant of the Lord. We must give all of our attention to the inspired teaching that is designed to direct us down eternal life’s road. “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25). We must not allow Satan to distract us as we live our Christian lives. If we do, we can only expect to have a tragic accident.

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