

## WHERE CHARACTER IS FORMED

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COLOSSIANS 3:5-17, 22-25; 4:1

### Introduction

1. Why We Need New \_\_\_\_\_.

2. What New Formation \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ New Formation Happens.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Give an example of a character transformation that Jesus has brought about in your life.
  2. Have you ever thought about your job as God's character school? How does a person's job function as such?
  3. Read Colossians 3:5-10. What are some of the "old self" character traits that Paul tells us to get rid of? Do you pick up any themes in Paul's list? Why do you think he emphasizes these themes? Read Colossians 3:12-14. What are some of the "new self" character traits that Paul tells us to clothe ourselves with? How does a person initially transition from an "old self" to a "new self"? Why is character transformation mostly impossible until a person surrenders to Christ?
  4. Read Colossians 3:22-4:1. Describe the 5 character virtues that the sermon drew out of these verses (and link each one to a specific line in the text). Explain why each of these virtues is so important for the workplace (and why an absence of each is so detrimental).
  5. Which of the 5 character virtues (above) do you most need to grow in? Why?
  6. Why are spiritual disciplines (daily godly habits) so necessary for character formation?
  7. Read Colossians 3:16. What spiritual disciplines do you see in these verses? What three spiritual disciplines were recommended in the sermon for the formation of workplace character? How are you doing with each of these godly habits? Explain.
  8. Describe any additional spiritual practices which you've found helpful in developing character virtues for the workplace. Which one (only one) of the habits that you've discussed in answer to questions 7 and 8 would you like to work on this week? Why?
- PRAYER PROMPT: Praying for your workplace. With a partner, list three ways they can be praying for your workplace (whether it's a job location, your home, your school, a place you volunteer...). Then spend time praying over each other based on the prayer points you mentioned.