

# POWER UP



## Play Ball

Colossians 3:12-17

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The NFL just conducted its annual draft. Many of you watched to see what moves your team was going to make to improve the roster. We have all stood there on the playground waiting to be selected, chosen to play on “the team.” For some of us, those memories are good; for others, it still hurts. There is nothing like being chosen to play on “the team.”

### As followers of Christ we are all on the same team (12)...

- 1 We wear the same uniform (12-14)
- 2 We submit ourselves to the same umpire (15)
- 3 We choose to live by the same book (16)
- 4 We know who is in the stands (17)

THE ONE THING: It is a privilege to be on this team!

# taking it home

{ notes for small group,  
family & personal study

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## keeping it real

1 What are some powerful or memorable experiences you have had as a member of a team? Did being part of a team enhance or dilute your experiences?

## look at the book

2 In the sermon text (Colossians 3:12-17), Paul describes mercy and kindness as clothes to be put on by members of the “team.” In Romans 12:3-8, Paul describes our unity in Christ by using our bodies as a metaphor. Read both passages and consider the difference in Paul’s intentions and tone between the two. What relationships and activities is Paul focusing on in each of these passages?

3 Paul precedes the sermon text by discussing rules for holy living (see Colossians 3:1-11) and follows it by discussing rules for Christian families (see Colossians 3:18-25). Are these rules conditions for being part of the team, or something else?

## the next step

4 Prayerfully consider your role on the team and what your strengths and weaknesses are as a teammate. This week make a point to discuss your role on the team with a teammate, and take a deliberate step to show God and your teammates that you know how blessed you are to be on the team!

{ my next step this week is to:

- Memorize Colossians 3:17.
- Evaluate my choices this week by verbally identifying them as “fair or foul”... “safe or out.”
- Allow God’s Word to be at home in my life by...
- Other \_\_\_\_\_