

PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 6.4: Canvas

JOURNEY

WITNESSES

► SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-11, 1 Timothy 4:6-16

SUMMARY:

Every musician, artist, athlete, business professional, or teacher knows practice is the only path to an improved, polished presentation. It is as though God did not finish the job when He created each student—He was just getting started. His goal is that each of us—His canvases—look increasingly more and more like Christ. Declaring faith in Christ does not end with verbal confession of Christ as Lord. It is only the beginning. In Colossians 3, Paul is reminding the Colossians that they are an unfinished canvas, daily being made more and more to look and act like Christ.

But just like any great work of art, it is meant to be displayed and admired, not hidden away. The gospel has incredible transformative power because of the power of the Spirit at work. But the only way people can take notice and admire Him is by us showing off our new selves—by clothing ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12, NIV). We must be people of forgiveness, love, and unity. We must be people that show off God's amazing works of art.

► DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How does your mission to reflect the gospel impact the choices you make?
- What areas of our family life might give a false impression of what the gospel is truly about?
- How can you rid yourself of those things that don't represent Christ well and refocus on Him?
- Tell me your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?

► CORE VERSE

Colossians 3:10

► CORE CONCEPTS

Our lives bear witness to the gospel at work in us.

Renewal: Ridding of something old and worn out and replacing it with something new