

Keeping First Things First

Week 13: Dress for the Occasion – Part One

Sunday, August 13, 2023

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."

Colossians 3:5-10 (NIV)

1. The Now/Not Yet _____.

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A. New _____ Now.

"...since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."

* Kingdom _____ - eternal

* _____ like Jesus.

B. Old _____ Remain.

2. The Old _____.

A. Self-_____ Sin.

"...sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry..."

* Greed: God's way is _____.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Exodus 20:17 (NIV)

* Evil desires: _____ for other than God's.

* Lust: _____ for other than God's.

* Impurity: _____ for other than God's.

* Sexual immorality: _____ other than God's.

"Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death."

James 1:14-15 (NLT)

B. Sin-Harm to _____.

"anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips..."^{9a} Do not lie to each other..."

3. Choosing Your _____.

A. _____.

B. _____.

"Instead of asking yourself whether you believe or not, ask yourself whether you have this day done one thing because he said, do it, or once abstained because He said, do not do it. It is simply absurd to say you believe or want to believe in Him if you do not do anything He tells you."

- George McDonald

* A _____.

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Series Verse

"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."

Colossians 2:8 (NIV)