

CONTINUE IN YOUR FAITH
Col. 3:5-14 - "Dress for Success"

I. TAKE OFF - Our heavenly eternal focus MUST impact our earthly "here and now" living!

A. Put to death - v. 5 - Paul seems to break down these negative traits into 2 groups: those that are individual traits: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire and greed; and those that emerge when humans live in community with one another: anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language.

sexual immorality

impurity - the thoughts and intents of the _____

lust - an "out of control" _____ for things

evil desire - driven by the desire for _____

greed - an insatiable desire to have more

B. Rid yourself of these - v. 8,9

anger - a chronic state of mind - seething anger, plotting revenge, etc.

rage - an _____

malice - the thought process at the root of anger and rage. The desire to get even

slander - language that _____ down

filthy language - abusive language; inappropriate language

lying

II. PUT ON

A. Clothe yourself with these - v. 12

compassion - tenderness and mercy. _____ something.

kindness - offering sympathy and engendering confidence

humility - having a proper estimation of _____

gentleness - It means "strength under control."

patience - opposite of resentment and revenge

B. Bear with one another - v. 13

To put up with each other! To be _____ with each other

C. Forgive one another - v. 13b Remember, God forgave you - so you forgive others!

forgiveness --

* is not _____; rather, it is choosing not to actively remember. - you don't keep bringing it up

* is not saying to the other party: "You're okay." Rather, it is saying, "I'm okay, and I am willing to let God deal with whether you're okay."

* is not saying, "I don't feel the _____ anymore." Rather, it is saying, "I do not feel the need to hold on to your involvement in my pain anymore."

C. Love - v. 14 (I Cor. 13)

