

**Title:** Dressed for Success

**Text:** Colossians 3:5-17

**Target:** *"If you want something new, you have to stop doing something old"* Peter F. Drucker.

- **GET RID OF YOUR GRAVE CLOTHES**

- I. **A Command to be Ruthless:** *"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you."* (Vs. 3:5a)
  - A. **The Hard:** *"Put to death"* (Vs. 5)
  - B. **The Heart:** *"earthly IN you"* (Vs. 5)
  - C. **The Honest:** *"sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."* (Vs. 5b)
  - D. **The Hour:** *"On account of these the wrath of God is coming."* (Vs. 6)
  - E. **The Hope:** *"In these you too once walked, when you were living in them."* (Vs. 7)
  
- II. **A Challenge to be Relentless:** *"But now you must put them all away."* (Vs. 3:8)
  - A. **The Hard:** *"put them ALL away"* (Vs. 8a)
  - B. **The Heart:** *"anger, wrath, malice, slander and obscene talk from your mouth."* (Vs. 8b)
  - C. **The Honest:** *"Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with it's practices"* (Vs. 9)
  - D. **The Hour:** *"and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator."* (Vs. 10)
  - E. **The Hope:** *"but Christ is all, and in all."* (Vs. 11)

- **KEEP ON YOUR CHURCH CLOTHES**

- III. **A Call to be Reminded:** *"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved"* (Vs.12a)
  - A. **Visceral of Virtues (Inward):** *"compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience"* (Vs. 12)
  - B. **Virtues become Visible (Outward):** *"bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive."* (Vs. 13)
  - C. **Vice of Values (Upward):** *"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony"* (Vs. 14)
  
- IV. **A Choice to be Ruled:** *"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you indeed were called in one body. And be thankful."* (Vs. 15)
  - A. **Rooted in the Word:** *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly"* (Vs. 16a)
  - B. **Renewed in Worship:** *"teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God"* (Vs. 16b)
  - C. **Revealed by Works:** *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* (Vs. 17)

**Takeaway:** Which hamper are you living out of?