

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?