

## It's Time to \_\_\_\_\_ Clean

### Colossians 3:5-11

Intro: Spring is a wonderful time of the year. There are such radical changes taking place in God's created plants and flowers. People are getting spring fever and are doing more out of doors. Gardens, flowers, trees, bushes, and many other things are being planted. People are getting ready or have begun spring cleaning and sprucing up around the house. Spring is also a wonderful time for the Christian to do some cleaning up in their own \_\_\_\_\_, getting rid of the "stuff" that may have collected over the winter months. A significant part of the Christian life is continual change-sanctification. We must ever allow God to change us so that we may become more like His Son, Jesus Christ. He has given us specific guidelines and details on what must be done in our personal lives. We are considering some of those guidelines this morning.

- I. Sins that should be \_\_\_\_\_ in the believer **Vs 5**
- A. Since the believer is \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ (**Vs 1**), because the believer \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ (**Vs 3**), the believer is to mortify the flesh which is prone to sins of all types.
1. To put to death, slay; to \_\_\_\_\_ of power, destroy the strength of
  2. This mortification begins with the \_\_\_\_\_ life, the place where these sins begin
- B. "Mortify our members which are upon the earth"
1. Those \_\_\_\_\_ of us that are very capable of producing the sin Paul lists.
  2. Paul is **not** advocating that we kill ourselves physically or destroy parts of our body. He is, however, telling us to put to \_\_\_\_\_ those thoughts and behaviors that will lead us into ungodliness (indwelling sins—the old nature).
- C. The sins Paul says we are to put to death are sins that **any** believer is capable of committing.
1. *Fornication*—Sexual relationship \_\_\_\_\_ marriage
    - a. This was a common practice among the unsaved, and would become a distinguishing mark of \_\_\_\_\_ if one no longer participated in such behavior.
    - b. Generally, this word relates to \_\_\_\_\_ people involved in immorality. It is used, however, at times to speak of immoral sexual relations in general, whether the couple is married or single.
  2. *Uncleanness*— in a moral sense: the impurity of lustful, \_\_\_\_\_ living
    - a. **Ro 1:24** *Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,*
    - b. **Ro 6:19** *I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.*
    - c. **1Th 4:7** *For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.*
  3. *Inordinate affections*—Wicked, \_\_\_\_\_ affections
    - a. Greek word: Pathos (A \_\_\_\_\_ that rages in the mind)
    - b. A warfare of the mind—the enemy or the old nature wage war on the believer to \_\_\_\_\_ the believer to commit sin by fueling ungodly passions
    - c. **Ro 1:26-27** *For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.*
  4. *Evil concupiscence*

- a. Translates as " \_\_\_\_\_ " 31 times, "concupiscence" 3 times, "desire" 3 times, and "lust after" 1 time.
  - b. A craving, longing, desire for what is \_\_\_\_\_ by God and His Word.
5. *Covetousness which is idolatry*
- a. A love for \_\_\_\_\_ which becomes idolatry because the love for things becomes \_\_\_\_\_ than one's love for God. In other words, God gets \_\_\_\_\_ by things.
  - b. **Eph 5:5** *For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.*
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ for mortification **Vs 6-7**
- A. God's wrath is stirred against those sins and those who practice them as a lifestyle. Cf. Rom 1
  - B. As Children of the Living God, we should not \_\_\_\_\_ God's severe chastening by yielding to the temptation to do these things that are not natural to the believer.
- III. Sins that are found in the believer and must be dealt with \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 8-9**
- A. *Put off*
    - 1. To take off and remove from oneself as one would \_\_\_\_\_ before taking a bath
    - 2. **Heb 12:1** *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*
  - B. *Anger, Wrath, Malice*
    - 1. *Anger*—A temper that heats up toward someone thus leading to \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.
    - 2. *Wrath*—Behavior \_\_\_\_\_ by anger. **Jas 1:20** *For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.*
    - 3. *Malice*—the result of anger producing wrath
      - a. Ill-will and a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ the one with whom a person is angry.
      - b. **Ga 5:15** *But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.*
      - c. **Tit 3:3** *For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.*
  - C. *Blasphemy*—slander, detraction, speech \_\_\_\_\_ to another's good name; impious and reproachful speech injurious to \_\_\_\_\_ good name
  - D. *Filthy communication out of your mouth*—profane and obscene talk
    - 1. **Eph 4:29** *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*
    - 2. **Eph 5:4** *Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.*
  - E. *Lie not*—to \_\_\_\_\_ be dishonest with others
- IV. The reason for putting off the sinful practices of verse 8-9a **Vs 10**
- A. *Ye have put off the old man with his deeds* **Vs 8b**
  - B. *Ye have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Vs 10*
    - 1. Christ is **all** and in all
    - 2. **Col 2:10** *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*

Concl: **Sin** is a very real issue in the life of the \_\_\_\_\_ believer. He/she will ever be \_\_\_\_\_ by the enemy and the old nature, but greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the

world. Through the power of and \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ, we can have victory. Our focus should be on Christ, not on our inclination to sin.