

Papas Got a Brand New Bag

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²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. **Ephesians 4:22–24 (NIV)**

Putting Off Your Old Self (vs. 22)

1. **Receive** a new faith.
⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. **Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)**
2. **Reflect** on old ways.
For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. **Colossians 3:3 (NLT)**
3. **Recognize** worldly deception.
¹⁸ Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world's standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. **1 Corinthians 3:18–19 (NLT)**

Putting On the New Self (vs. 23-24)

1. New **Mind**.
Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:1–2 (NIV)**
2. New **Habits**.
³³ Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." ³⁴ Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. **1 Corinthians 15:33–34 (NKJV)**
3. New **Perspective**.
⁴ So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed. ⁵ I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. ⁶ I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. **Psalms 143:4–6 (NIV)**

One Last Thought: Old stuff eventually starts to stink.