

# “JESUS’ Plan: Trashing Your ‘Old Man!’”

## Colossians 3:8-11

*Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes*

**NKJV** - *"But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all."*

**ESP** - *"8Pero ahora desechen también todo esto: ira, enojo, malicia, insultos, lenguaje ofensivo de su boca. 9Dejen de mentirse los unos a los otros, puesto que han desechado al viejo hombre con sus malos hábitos, y se han vestido del nuevo hombre, el cual se va renovando hacia un verdadero conocimiento, conforme a la imagen de Aquél que lo creó. 11En esta renovación no hay distinción entre Griego y Judío, circunciso e incircunciso, bárbaro (uno que no era Griego, ni por nacimiento ni por cultura), Escita, esclavo o libre, sino que Cristo (el Mesías) es todo, y en todos."*

**AMP** - *" But now put away and rid yourselves [completely] of all these things: anger, rage, bad feeling toward others, curses and slander, and foulmouthed abuse and shameful utterances from your lips!  
9 Do not lie to one another, for you have stripped off the old (unregenerate) self with its evil practices,  
10 And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it. [Gen. 1:26.]  
11 [In this new creation all distinctions vanish.] There is no room for and there can be neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, [nor difference between nations whether alien] barbarians or Scythians [who are the most savage of all], nor slave or free man; but Christ is all and in all [everything and everywhere, to all men, without distinction of person]."*

## I. PUT OFF : The Sins of Language -

- **A) The ACTION:** "***But now** you yourselves are to **put off** all these:..*"

**AMP** - "*But now put away and rid yourselves [completely] of all these things..*"

*"**apotithemi**" - cast away, throw aside, completely disgard....trash it!!*

In the Bible, **behavior** is often likened to a **garment**; our **CONDUCT** is pictured as **CLOTHES**: Job 29:14; Ps. 35:26; Isa. 11:5; Rom. 13:12; 1 Thes. 5:8. Today, we can still see this: soldier; doctor; athlete...

Used in **Hebrews 12:1**, speaking of an long distance Marathon runner throwing off any extra weight that could slow him down.  
*"...let us **strip off every weight** that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."*

*"Put off all those old habits, just as you would **discard an outworn suit** of clothes which no longer fitted you." (Bruce)*

**A "Monarch" butterfly**...is really just a caterpillar who "**put off**" their old self!!

This is mentally like "**changing your clothes**":

*Imagine if, right now, you were sitting there in **sweaty clothes**...*

*Imagine if, right now, you were sitting there in "**skunky clothes**"...*

*Imagine if, right now, you were sitting there in "**fiery clothes**"...*

*"When a tide of passion or a surge of anger is felt, it must be decisively dealt with as the **alien intruder** it really is, and immediately **turned out** of the house as having **no right to be there** at all, let alone to be giving orders."  
(Wright)*

This is a **Change of mind** that must be made: *an intentional **choice**, a purposeful mental **action**, a conscious & willful **decision** that you make in that **crucial moment** of*

temptation!!

Just like when you have guests at your **home**...

Just like when you enter your **place of work**...

Just like when you **come to church**...

- **\*\*\*IMPORTANT:** This decision is **EMPOWERED** by your will & **GOD'S SPIRIT!\*\***

- **Illustration:** Papers in my pocket...**tear** them & **trash 'em!!**

- **B) The AREAS:** Each of these sins are **primarily committed by what we say**. Paul here calls the believer to **bridle and control our tongue**, as did **James 1:26; 3:1-9**.

"..**anger**.." - Greek "**orgen**" is a chronic attitude of smoldering, hot hatred

"..**wrath**.." - NLT: "rage" - Greek "**thymon**"- an explosive outburst of anger/rage.

"..**malice**.." - NLT: "malicious behaviour" - Greek "**kakian**" - the vice that lies below anger and rage as their root), is forbidden

"..**blasphemy**.." - NLT: "slander" - Greek "**blasphemian**" - railing/evil speaking.

"..**filthy language** out of your mouth." - NLT: "dirty language" - Greek word "aischrologian" is shameful or abrasive speech.

"**Do not lie** to one another,..."

NLT James 1:26 - "If you claim to be religious but **don't control your tongue**, you are **fooling yourself**, and your **religion is worthless**."

NKJV Mark 7:20-23 - "And He said, "**What comes out** of a man, that defiles a man. For from **within, out of the heart** of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. **All these evil things come from within and defile a man.**"

NKJV Matthew 12:34 - "Out of the abundance of the **heart**, the **mouth** speaks."

NKJV Proverbs 15:28 - "..the **mouth** of the wicked pours forth **evil**." (Aristotle)

NLT James 3:1-12 - "Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. Indeed, we all make many mistakes.

For if we could **control our tongues**, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of **a small bit** in its mouth. And **a small rudder** makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But **a tiny spark** can set a great forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. People can **tame all kinds of animals**, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so **blessing and cursing** come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! Does **a spring of water** bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? Does a **fig tree** produce olives, or a **grapevine** produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring."

Do we **fuel & feed** our minds with **FILTHY LANGUAGE??**

What **MOVIES** are you watching? Your kids...?

What **TV Shows** do you watch? Your kids...?

What **Radio Programs** do you tune in to?

What **Books** are you reading? Your children?

What **Internet sites** are you visiting? Your children...?

What language do you use when **Facebooking, Tweeting, Texting??**

- C) The ADMONITION: *"..since **you have put off the old man** with his deeds, and **have put on the new man** who is **renewed in knowledge** according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all."*

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*This means that in Jesus Christ, the saints of God are completely **new**, absolutely **different**, and of a brand **new category** of people!!*

*Let your **PRACTICE** match your **POSITION**!!*

Christians need to be **regularly repaired** and **continually renewed**. Christians become increasingly like the Lord as they refresh their new natures, yielding to the Holy Spirit's sanctifying work. This "new self" needs **constant renewal & continual refreshing**—in order to **keep it victorious** over sin. Paul frequently expressed this idea of constant spiritual renewing, constant spiritual repairing, constant spiritual refreshing in his writings:

**2 Corinthians 4:16** - *"Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day"*

**Romans 12:2** - *"..be transformed by the renewing of your mind"*

**Ephesians 4:23** - *"..to be made new in the attitude of your minds"*