



Our New Life

part 1—Putting Off

Colossians 3:5-11

Not a Check List



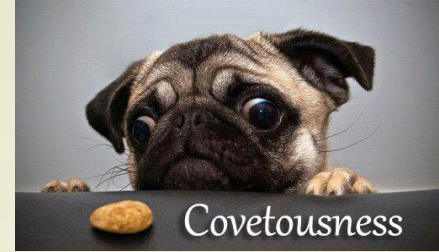
- (Col. 3:5-11) After referring to the dangers of do's and don'ts just at the end of chapter 2, of course Paul is not trying to give us **a list** here to check off or a list to judge others with.
- Rather Paul here is setting some examples for us in our **pursuit of God** and setting our minds on eternal things (3:1-4), as well as a warning to us on what is "earthly" (v.5) in contrast.

2 Kinds of Earthly Things



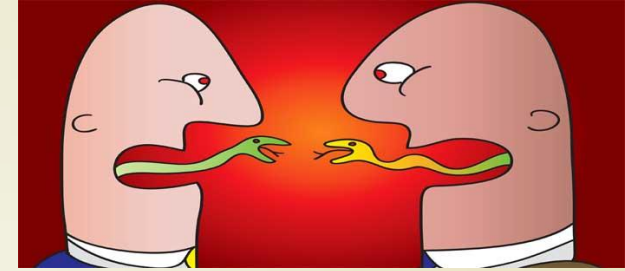
- In this passage Paul is referring to some examples of “earthly” things such as what is **within us** (v.5 personally) and what is **between us** (v.8 relationally).
- Paul started the passage in focusing on what is **eternal**—Christ (v.1-4) and in verse 5 we see the opposite side of what we should focus—earthly thoughts and actions.

What Was Within Us



- **Sexual immorality**—sexual acts outside of marriage
- **Impurity**—unwholesome thoughts or speeches
- **Passion**—evil and unchecked passion of earthly things
- **Evil desire**—a desire of evil things, evil deeds, or evil outcomes
- **Covetousness**—this is longing for a thing that is not God or has no eternal value at all, which is idolatry

What is Between Us



- The second list in verse 8 has to do with the relationships with people around us.
- **Anger, Wrath**—anger refers to uncontrolled emotion, wrath refers to our acts to anger
- **Malice**—want to see harm done to others
- **Blasphemy**—using God's name as a joke or with filthy intent
- **Filthy communication**—all the other types of swearing or dirty jokes apart from blasphemy



The Wrath of God is Coming

- (v.6) Although all our sins are forgiven, the **consequences** of the sins remain. If we remain in our former sinful lifestyle, we will eventually bear the fruit of that lifestyle.
- The **wrath** of God (Rom. 1:18) is a clear theme in the Bible, especially in Revelation.
- We are saved from the wrath of God. (Eph. 2:3-5)

Put to Death Who We Were



- ➔ (v.7) Once **walked**—that was our **lifestyle** and the path that we were traveling. We all had earthly and sinful desires with our sinful natures of the past. That was our natural state (Eph. 2:1-3, 1 Cor. 2:14)
- ➔ Paul calls us to put them **away** (v.8) and to put them to **death** (v.5). It requires us to be active, proactive, and even energetically so. (i.e. kill)

Putting Off and Putting On



- (v.10) We need to **put on** our new self—requires us to consciously decide who we are everyday.
- We are being **renewed**—it is an ongoing process
- Notice this renewal is based on the **knowledge** of the image of the creator—How much do you know our Christ and Saviour?
- He is our **Creator** (1:15) and we are created in His image. Are you becoming more like Him?



Conclusion

- **Who** do you see yourself as?
- What is **within** you? Are you becoming more like Jesus?
- How do you **behave** around your co-workers and neighbours?
- How much do you **know** about our Lord Jesus? How does this knowledge **compare** to what you knew five years ago?



*Becoming
like Christ*