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One Another Series Part 5
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Colossians 3:1–17

... Therefore (12)

- Our identity is IN Christ
 - o Seek Things above (**Imperative**), set your mind on things above (**Imperative**), (1–2)
 - o Not on earthly things (2)

What we are to Put to death (5) (**Imperative**)/put away (8) (**Imperative**) (5–9)

Verse 5

- **Sexual Immorality**-any sexual sin. God intended for sex to be shared only in the marriage relationship. Greek word is *porneia*, get our word pornography from this. Fornication is a distortion of God's beautiful plan for sex.
- **Impurity, lust**-where fornication is the physical act uncleanness is more of the thought life. God not only wants control of our physical actions, but of our thoughts as well. Sin always begins in the mind and it must be destroyed there.
- **Evil desire, Greed**- probably the greatest cause of sin because we want what we want rather than what God wants. These Paul says is Idolatry. Sin is when we worship ourselves rather than God, because we want our will rather than His.

Verse 8

- **Anger**-is a deep smoldering, resentful bitterness. A settled heart attitude.
 - o James 1:19-20 says, "**Be slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.**"
- **Wrath**-refers to a sudden outburst of anger. Same word used for fire in straw. It just spread like wildfire. One minute everything was fine, next consumed in flame.
- **Malice, Slander, and Filthy Language from our Mouths, lying**-concerns our speech. Mainly the talk that puts others down should not be found in the lives of Christians. The words from our mouths should not be mean, hurtful, slanderous, or obscene.

Reasons to put to death and put away all of these and any other sinful action:

- Sin Brings God's Judgment:
 - **Verse 6:** "Because of these, God's wrath is coming upon the disobedient."
 - There are consequences to sin.
- Sin is a part of our old nature.
 - **Verse 7:** "and you once walked in these things when you were living in them."
 - We have been changed, we may slip into these things, but we do NOT walk in these things.
- Sin causes separation from God.
 - **Isaiah 59:1-2** "Indeed, the LORD's arm is not too weak to save, and his ear is not too deaf to hear. ² But your iniquities are separating you from your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not listen."
- Gratitude for what Christ has done for us.
 - **Verse 1,** "So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."
 - **Verse 3,** "For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God"
 - **Verse 4,** "When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."
 - Christ is all and in all (11)
 - Therefore . . .
- Put on . . . (12) (Imperative) Look to (10)
 - Compassion
 - Kindness
 - Humility
 - Gentleness
 - Patience

- **Ephesians 4:1–2** “Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to live worthy of the calling you have received, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.”
 - **Galatians 5:22–23** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things”
- Put on . . . (14–15)
 - Love
 - Peace of Christ/One body (Unity) Rule your hearts (**Imperative**)
 - Be thankful (**Imperative**)
- **Bearing with one another/forgiving one another** (13)
 - Example: Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive
 - **Matthew 6:14–15** “For if you forgive others their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. ¹⁵ But if you don’t forgive others, your Father will not forgive your offenses.”
 - **Ephesians 4:32** “And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.”
 - Forgive others
 - Humble ourselves and seek reconciliation
- **Teaching & Admonishing One Another** (16–17)
 - Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you (16) (**Imperative**)
 - Method and Result of Admonishment
 - Admonish-compound word in the Greek. “keep the right mind” about something.
 - Teaching and admonishing one another through:
 - Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs
 - Singing to God with gratitude
 - Whatever you do in word or in deed
 - In the name of the Lord Jesus
 - Giving thanks (15/16/17)