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TAKE OFF

- 1. Carousing and drunkenness.
 - ✓ Partying and drunkenness.
 - ✓ Mardi-Gras, New Years Eve.



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 - ✓ Any sex outside marriage.
 - ✓ Lack of self constraint, self abandonment, giving oneself over to their lusts.
- 3. Strife and jealousy.

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EPHESIANS 5:7-16

"Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),



trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you." Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil."

LAY ASIDE, PUT OFF...

Col. 3:8 Anger, wrath, malice, slander, abusive speech from your mouth, lying.

Col. 3:9 Evil practices.

Eph. 4:22 The old self.

Eph 4:25 Falsehood. Stealing, Unwholesome words, Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander.

James 1:21 All filthiness, "all that remains of wickedness."

1 Peter 2:1-2 All malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander."

Hebrews 12:1-2 "Every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us."



THAT'S WHO YOU WERE

- Col 1:21-22 "And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproached."
 - Col. 3:7-8 "And in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside"

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• Eph 2:1-7 "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.



Among them we too all <u>formerly lived</u> in the <u>lusts of our flesh</u>, <u>indulging</u> the desires of the <u>flesh</u> and of the <u>mind</u>, and were by nature <u>children of wrath</u>, even as the rest. **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, <u>made us alive together with Christ</u> (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

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❖ 1 Peter 1:14-15 "Do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the holy one who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior."

WHAT ARE WE TO PUT ON?

Eph. 6:11-17 "Put on the <u>full</u> armor of God, so that you will be able to <u>stand firm</u> against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

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Job. 29:14 "I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban."

ROMANS 13:14



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There was a young lady from Niger.

Who smiled as she rode on a tiger.

They returned from the ride

With the lady inside.

And the smile on the face of the tiger.





"I cannot keep sparrows from flying around my head, but I can keep them from making a nest in my hair."

Martin Luther



"Sins are more easily kept out, than cast out."

Augustine

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