

TITLE: Colossians (Lesson 12)

TEXT: Col. 3:5-11

INTRO: “As we focus our minds on things above, our values will change. Paul becomes very practical as he shows us how these heavenly habits have earthly implications.”

David Jeremiah

“It is clear that desires lead to deeds, appetites lead to actions. If we would purify our actions, then we must first purify our minds and hearts.”

Warren Wiersbe

I. (vs. 5-7) New values

A. (vs. 5) Put to death sensual sins.

NOTE: **Mortify**: to make dead, to put to death, slay (vs. 2; Rom. 6:11; 8:13; Gal. 5:24)

1. Put to death *fornication!*

NOTE: **fornication**: *porneia* illicit sexual intercourse in general (Eph. 5:3; Heb. 13:4)

2. Put to death *uncleanness!*

NOTE: **uncleanness**: in a moral sense: the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living

3. Put to death *inordinate affection!*

NOTE: Wiersbe writes: “*Inordinate affection* describes a state of mind that excites sexual impurity. The person who cultivates this kind of appetite can always find opportunity to satisfy it.”

4. Put to death *evil concupiscence*

NOTE: **concupiscence**: desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust See Phil. 4:8

5. Put to death *covetousness, which is idolatry!*

NOTE: “Covetousness is an attitude, and it’s an enemy to the sufficiency of Christ.” *DJ*
See Phil. 4:11-13; I Tim. 6:6-8; Heb. 13:5-6

B. (vs. 6-7) God will judge these sins.

II. (vs. 8-9) New language

A. (vs. 8-9a) Put off the sins of your mouth.

1. *anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication, lying*

B. (vs. 9b) “*seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds*”

NOTE: “Paul says that we are to put off these old practices as you’d put off a dirty, filthy garment. You don’t send it to the laundry—you throw it away!” *J. Vernon McGee*

III. (vs. 10-11) New purpose

A. (vs. 10) We are to be like Jesus!

NOTE: “People had only to look at Jesus to see what God is like. People today should only have to look at us to see what Jesus is like.” *Randy Alcorn* Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor.4:16

B. (vs. 11) There is no division in Christ because He is all and in all.

1. (Greek or Jew) Racial barriers will be gone.

2. (circumcised or uncircumcised) Religious barriers will be gone.

3. (Barbarian or Scythian) Cultural barriers will be gone.

4. (bond or free) Social barriers will be gone.