

Live Like You're Leaving!

(Part 4 cont.)

Romans 13:11-14

If we're going to live like we're leaving, then **4** things that must be true in our lives:

- I. **We Need To Wake Up!** (v 11)
- II. **We Need To Look Up!** (vv 11b-12a)
- III. **We Need To Suit Up!** (v 12b)
- IV. **We Need To Clean Up!** (vv 13-14)

A. **How We Shouldn't Live As We Await Christ's Return** (v 13)

- 1) **Sensual Revelry** (v 13a)
- 2) **Sexual Promiscuity** (v 13b)
- 3) **Hostility** (v 13c)

The Greek word for ***“quarreling”*** is a word that means “discord, contention, or _____.”

Taken together, these are _____ sins which can be just as destructive as the other two sins that we just looked at.

Christians shouldn't be fighting each other. Remember, the battle is out _____, not in _____!

Relational conflicts not only cause us to take our eyes off the _____, but they also cause us to take our eyes off the _____.

If these **3** things are not corrected, then they will _____ our testimony to the world, _____ our effectiveness for Christ, and _____ our fellowship with God!

B. **How We _____ Live As We Await Christ's Return** (v 14)

- 1. ***We must “put on the Lord Jesus Christ.”*** (v 14a)

The Greek verb that is translated ***“put on”*** actually means “to _____ oneself.”

The bottom line is that this phrase summarizes the essence of spiritual _____.

II Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 4:19; Philippians 3:13-14; I John 3:2-3

This process of growing in Christlikeness is like that of taking off and putting on clothing, which is symbolic of our _____ and our _____.

What Paul is saying is let all that Jesus ____, be seen in all that you ____!

2. *We must “make no provision for the flesh.”* (v 14b)

The Greek word translated “**provision**” is a word that literally means “foresight or _____.”

Most sinful behavior comes from sinful desires that are allowed to _____ in our minds and in our hearts.

The phrase “**make no provision**” is in the present tense and it carries the idea of _____ doing what you are doing.

Sin is simply one _____ in a chain of events. (*James 1:13-15*)

What Paul is saying is that we must not make provision for the _____ of the urges of our sinful nature. (*Galatians 5:16-17*)

In light of the any-moment return of Jesus Christ, this is not the time for a child of God to live for the things of this _____!

Conclusion:

Because of the certainty of Christ's return, it is time for God's people to **Wake up, Look up, Suit up, and Clean up!**

Why? Because at any moment, Jesus could _____ up!