

**Standing Firm Discussion Guide**  
**Wear Your New Clothes - Lesson 5**  
**(October 6, 2024)**

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

**Opening Discussion:** What piece of clothing in your closet do you love to wear?

**Dive Deeper:** Read Colossians 3:1-17

1. Read Hebrew 12:1-2. Christians should train and run much like a marathon runner. What should believers strip away from their lives, and set their minds on, to run their race well?
2. What reasons does Paul give in Colossian 3:1-4 for setting our hearts and minds on Christ and avoiding the things of this earth? How can the things of this world weigh us down and draw us away from God's goal for our lives?
3. According Colossians 3:5, what are believers to do with the earthly things lurking inside them? Discuss steps we must take to keep God's perspective regarding immorality and greed, when it's culturally normal. What are some underlying pressures of greed that result in idolatry at work, among family, and friends, etc?
4. What characteristics listed in Colossians 3:12-15 should a believer be clothed in? How does Romans 13:14 suggest we dress? If someone surveyed the closet of your heart, what Christ-like characteristics would you want them to see?
5. Read Colossian 3:10-11. What is our new nature? What practices would help us overcome our old nature? Read 2 Corinthians 12:9 and Galatians 5:16-17, and discuss the vanity of trying harder on our own to overcome our old nature.
6. How does Colossians 3:13-15 instruct us to live as God's family? Why is harmony among believers vital for God's kingdom? Since God has forgiven your sin, why is it sometimes difficult to forgive others? How has your love and ability to forgive matured as your roots have grown deeper in the Lord?

**Application:** How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?