


Out with the old . .

- * **Before *in with the new* . .**
- * **Make room by getting out the old!**

What needs to be cleaned out?

*** ¹⁶ And he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.**



*** ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”**

*** Matthew 15, ESV**

Time to get 'organized'

* Organizing takes 3 things:


1. Prioritizing – what's important, what's actually needed
2. Action: sorting, removing, keeping
3. New plan: how will this work best?

Paul helps us: Colossians 3

*** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.**


*** ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.**

*** ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.**



*** ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew,
circumcised and uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but
Christ is all, and in all.**

*** ¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.**



*** ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.**

*** ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

Paul's plan detailed:

1. Prioritizing

- * There is stuff to get rid of!
- * This 'junk' is not just clutter – they are dangerous!
- * sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry

2.Action: sorting, removing, keeping

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It feels good!

- * Organizing ‘things’ helps us feel better!
- * Having our spiritual and life priorities right helps us feel better too!
- * Right with God
- * Right with others
- * Right with ourselves!

Being Disciples!

- * We are to be Jesus' students, followers, disciples
- * We are also his brothers and sisters!
- * It's all about relationships!
- * It's all about Jesus being first!