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Sunday, August 16, 2009

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Several recent national studies have come to a sad conclusion. They have found that there are few discernable differences between those who claim to be followers of Christ and the rest of world. The Bible teaches there should be a clear difference in those who call themselves "Christian".

1. We must	certain things (v. 5-9).
2. We must	certain things (v. 10-14).
3. We must	certain things (v. 15-16).
4. We must	certain things (v. 17-23).
5. We must	all the time (v. 24).

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1. We must <u>PUT OFF</u> certain things (v. 5-9).

"Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:12-13, NIV).

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money" (Matthew 6:24, NIV).

2. We must <u>PUT ON</u> certain things (v. 10-14).

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate" (Luke 15:22-24, NIV).

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2, NIV).

3. We must <u>LET IN</u> certain things (v. 15-16).

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7, NIV).

"Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble" (Psalm 119:165, NIV). "thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5, NIV).

4. We must <u>LET OUT</u> certain things (v. 17-23).

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23, NIV).

5. We must **LOOK UP** all the time (v. 24).