

Living as a Masterpiece

“Dress the part.” That’s the advice often given to young professional salesmen who are just starting out. They don’t yet have the sales record. They often lack confidence and as a result feel stuck. So, they are told, “Success begins by putting on the reality of who you want to be. Dress the part.”

Maybe you feel spiritually stuck. You look at yourself and say, “Wow. You’ve got a long way to go. Just look at you.” The Apostle Paul has a word of advice for you:

“But that isn’t what you learned about Christ. ²¹ Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²² put off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.”

You see, you don’t need to dress who you want to be. Every Christian is a masterpiece, according to Ephesians 2:10: *“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus....”* You are a new person. Therefore, dress the part. You are a masterpiece whom God loves, no matter what you say or what you do. So, dress the part.

If you feel spiritually stuck, know who you are: a masterpiece. If you’re still struggling with old sin habits, know first that God still loves you. Remember also that you don’t have to. God has a new way of living. He has a new outfit. He says, “put it on.” Don’t believe me? Be renewed in the spirit of your minds by getting into God’s Word.

You are a masterpiece, so dress the part today.

Devotional

Text in Context: Read Ephesians 4:17-32.

Reflect: What does putting on and putting off mean? How do you know if you have put on or taken off? What is the difference between godly living and worldly living?

Respond: Many of us feel like slaves to sin, but God has freed us from that bondage. How are you still living as a slave to sin? How does God’s message of a new outfit help you?

Prayer: Father, thank you for freeing me from my sin. Help me to live out the wonderful work you’ve done in me. Amen.

