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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Ephesians 4:17-24

Every year my parents took me back-to-school shopping and bought me several new outfits. My dad, the practical one, always wanted to get the clothes a size larger than I needed so I could grow into them. So every year I started school with clothes that didn't fit right and believe me, kids noticed. Needless to say, I didn't like my dad's idea very much.

The Apostle Paul uses the metaphor of clothes in Ephesians 4:17-24 to teach us that maturing as a Christian is like taking off our old dirty, greedy, lustful clothes and putting on our new Christlike clothes. The problem arises when we become too comfortable in our worn clothing and we like the way they fit. The new clothes often feel a bit strange. If you want to live as a new person in, and for the king, the old set of clothes must come off before the new ones can go on. Just as I grew into my new school clothes, we must also grow into our new clothes of holiness and righteousness.

Which set of clothes are you currently wearing?

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