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We love makeover shows, don't we? It doesn't matter if it's a home makeover, a restaurant makeover, or a total body makeover; we love them. It's all about transformation. And it motivates us to consider our own transformations. I mean, if that couple can buy a home and flip it, why can't we? If that person can lose 250 pounds, why can't I?

But what's interesting is most people who go through these makeovers return to their old ways. The clean hoarder's house becomes a trash heap. The well-groomed man looks like Captain Caveman. The lean and mean mom goes back to struggling with her weight.

We need motivation, and we need reminders to keep on in makeover. The same is true for our spiritual fitness.

This is what Paul said about maintaining our spiritual fitness makeover in Colossians 3:4-5.

“And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.”

One of the confusing pieces of Christianity is the positional justification we experience and the ongoing battle with sin. On one side of the coin is we are a new creation with new desires. On the other side is the flesh that wages war with our new nature. In other words, we're saved, but we need daily saving from the temptation of sin.

Paul says here that one day when Christ is revealed at His second coming, the true Christians will be revealed. But we can start demonstrating, and we should be living out Christ in us. How?

Paul says, “Put to death these sins.” He means to kill and eliminate. A lot of us put our sins in a box or in a closet but leave the door open. We put them to sleep, but we don't like to kill them. Paul says, “take them out.” Sexual sin, sexual lusting, and mental impurity need to be killed. Evil desires – the sinful thoughts and mindset need to be blown away. The greed or coveting what we don't have needs to be eliminated.

It all begins with the battle of the mind. Lust, greed, and evil all begin in the mind. Paul says, don't even make it an option. Kill it and bury it.

So here's my challenge for you today: Kill the sin that remains. From my own experience, I have areas of my past that are hard to eliminate. And I don't want to, if I'm honest. For some, it's bad language. For others, it may be viewing porn on occasion. For others, it may be getting drunk just when you're out with friends. We've all got an area. But is it honoring to God? Is it showing Christ in us? Hardly. So kill that sin today.

Now that you have your mission, should you choose to accept, go and win the day!