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WOW – Word on Wednesday
The Blueprint for Powerful Practical Living!
Romans 13:11-14
Lesson 2

Intro: Many people, including us, want a powerful spiritual life, but do not know how to practice it daily. In Romans 13:11-14, the Apostle Paul provides a direct, actionable blueprint. He reminds us that time is short and our daily choices must reflect our eternal future.

1. We Must Check our Spiritual Alarm (vs 11)

- **The Text:** “The hour has come for you to wake from sleep”
 - Don’t hit the snooze button on sin! Ephesians 5:14
- **The Problem:** “*Awareness*” – powerful living begins when we wake up from spiritual laziness and routine.
 - It’s easy to slide into a spiritual sleep. 1 Thessalonians 5:6
 - It’s easy going through the motion without real passion.
- **The Practice:** Shake off complacency!
 - Evaluate your spiritual state daily.
 - Live with a sense of urgency, knowing that every day brings us closer to eternity.

2. Trade off Your Old Clothes (vs 12)

- **The Text:** “Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” Ephesians 6:11
- **The Preparation:** Practical living requires an intentional change of wardrobe.
 - You cannot fight spiritual battles in sinful clothes. Colossians 3:8-9
 - We must actively strip away old hidden sins and put on God’s protection.
- **The Practice:** Treat your morning spiritual routine like getting dressed.
 - Consciously “cast off” negative thoughts or bad habits, and put on truth, grace, and accountability.

3. Live an Open Obedient Life (vs 13a)

- **The Text:** “Let us walk properly as in the daytime”
- **The Principle:** “*Integrity*” - A powerful life is a transparent life. 1 John 1:7
 - Walking in the daytime means living in a way that you have nothing to hide.

- True power comes from freedom, not from managing secrets.

- **The Practice:** Practice total honesty in your private life. John 3:21
 - If you don't want your actions, words, or digital habits exposed in broad daylight, don't engage in them in the dark.

4. **We Must Starve the Flesh (vs 13b, 14b)**

- **The Text:** "Not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy, and make no provision for the flesh to gratify it's desires" Galatians 5:16
- **The Principle:** "*Discipline*" – Powerful practical living requires starving your worst impulses while feeding your spiritual strength. Paul lists both physical sins and relational sins.
 - Physical Sins: Partying, immorality
 - Relational Sins: Quarrels, jealousy – we give sin power when we "make provision" (plan ahead) for it.

5. **Wearing the Character of Jesus (vs 14a)**

- **The Text:** "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ" Galatians 3:27
- **The Principle:** "*Identity*" – The ultimate blueprint for powerful living is modeling your life after Jesus.
 - To "put on Christ" means to wrap yourself in His love, His reactions, His humility, and His mindset!!

The Blueprint shows us that powerful living isn't about waiting for a sudden emotional feeling. It is waking up daily changing your clothes, walking in integrity, starving temptation, and putting on Jesus.