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Romans 13
Living as Christians in a Secular Culture

How should believers live transformed lives in a secular culture?

Civil Life

You must _____ to the governing authorities. (*Romans 13:1-7*)

1 Peter 2:13-17

You must do what is _____.

You must pay your _____.

Social Life

You must _____ your neighbors. (*Romans 13:8-10*)

Romans 12:14

You must live as _____ in the darkness. (*Romans 13:11-14*)

Paul's list of "Deeds of Darkness" in Romans 13:13

Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in...		Behavior
orgies and drunkenness	(<i>kōmos</i> means excessive feasting, carousing, revelry)	Partying
	(<i>methē</i> means with dissipation and drunkenness)	
sexual immorality and sensuality	(<i>koitē</i> means a bed, sexual intercourse)	Sleeping around
	(<i>aselgeia</i> means lack of self-restraint, self-abandonment)	
quarreling and jealousy	(<i>eris</i> means strife, discord, contention)	Meanness
	(<i>zēlos</i> means jealousy, envy over another's achievements or success)	

Romans 12:9

Romans 6:13

Romans 12:1-2

Conclusion: Romans 13:14

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

"In Ephesians 4:24 [Paul] tells his audience 'to *put on* the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness'. In Colossians 3:10 he urges his audience to '*put on* the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator' (italics added). To clothe oneself with the Lord Jesus Christ appears to be equivalent to living by the Spirit, both of which lead to overcoming the desires of the sinful nature and the promotion of Christian character and virtues."

(Colin G. Kruse, *Pillar Commentary*)

Romans 8:13-14