

I'm Not a Wineskin!

Storyteller #2

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» Jesus' primary way of communicating was with stories/parables

...he taught them many things by using stories.

Matthew 13:3 (CEV)

Jesus used stories when he spoke to the people. In fact, he did not tell them anything without using stories.

Matthew 13:34 (CEV)

One day some people said to Jesus, "John the Baptist's disciples fast and pray regularly, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees. Why are your disciples always eating and drinking?"

Jesus responded, "Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast."

Then Jesus gave them this illustration: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment. For then the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn't even match the old garment.

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine must be stored in new wineskins. But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. 'The old is just fine,' they say."

Luke 5:33-39 (NLT)

You can't put new ideas into old ways of thinking.

Old ways of thinking prevent the acceptance & development of new ideas.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NIV)

So how do I become a "New Wineskin"?

1. Recognize the problem exists

2. Repent

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:14-15 (NIV)

Do those things that prove that you have turned to God and have changed the way you think and act.

Matthew 3:8 (GW)

First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

Acts 26:20 (NIV)

3. Replace the "Old" with the "New"

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, ... Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need... Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen... Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice... Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:25-32 (NIV)

4. Relax