



KINGDOM LIVING

A DISCIPLESHIP PATTERN FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

CHANGE - leaving the old, embracing the new

Luke 5:27-29 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.

- No **secrecy** in him following Jesus
- No **shunning** of his friends and former associates
- No **shyness** in wanting others to come to salvation

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Luke 5:31-32 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?'

Jesus answered them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'

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Luke 5:33-35 They said to him, 'John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking.'

Jesus answered, 'Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them?

But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.'

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Luke 5:36-39 He told them this parable: 'No-one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old.

And no-one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined.

No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins.

And no-one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, "The old is better." '

NAS: Some, having tasted the old wine, would be tempted to say that the old is good enough.

Old Wineskin

- Church boards
- Hierarchical leadership
- Imposed authority
- Elected leadership
- Liturgy
- Constitution
- Membership by signature
- Ritualised sacraments
- Prescribed dress code
- Authority of denomination
- Organisational
- Maintenance mindset
- Local church focus

New Wineskin

- Eldership government
- Team leadership
- Invited authority
- Recognised leadership
- Liberty
- Scripture
- Belonging by relationship
- Reality in participation
- Individual dress code
- Authority of local church
- Organic
- Mission mindset
- Apostolic focus

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There is no growth without challenge and there is no challenge without change.

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