



On with the New!

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I. INTRO

In Matthew Chapter 10, Jesus is sending his disciples out to do the work of the ministry. He is being very careful not to understate what they will be facing as they go.

Matthew 10:16 (NKJV) Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

II. GOD IS THE SOURCE OF NEW

Revelation 21:5-6 (NLT) And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life.

A. In Christ we become NEW and are equipped to reveal NEW to others.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (HCSB) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. Everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

C.S. Lewis said, "Christ did not come to make bad people good, but to make dead people alive."

B. THE NEW YOU will face new challenges and find new answers.

Judges 12:5-6 (NIRV) The men of Gilead captured the places where people go across the Jordan River to get to Ephraim. Some men of Ephraim weren't killed in the battle. When they arrived at the river, they would say, "Let us go across." Then the men of Gilead would ask each one, "Are you from Ephraim?" Suppose he replied, "No." Then they would say, "All right. Say 'Shibboleth.'" If he said "Sibboleth," the way he said the word would give him away. He couldn't say it correctly. So they would grab him. Then they would kill him at one of the places where people go across the Jordan. At that time, 42,000 men of Ephraim were killed.

III. WE MUST PUT ON THE NEW

Ephesians 4:23-24 (TLB) Now your attitudes and thoughts must all be constantly changing for the better. Yes, you must be a new and different person, holy and good. Clothe yourself with this new nature.

A. Putting on the NEW brings new confidence.

Philippians 1:6 (KJV) Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

"Confident" – Greek word *peitho* meaning to be sure, to be certain and to have absolute conviction.

1. To walk in freedom.



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Galatians 5:1 (NIRV) Christ has set us free to enjoy our freedom. So remain strong in the faith. Don't let the chains of slavery hold you again.

2. To walk in love.

Ephesians 5:2 (NIRV) Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us. He gave himself up for us. He was a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice to God.

3. To walk in wisdom.

Proverbs 8:12 (GNT) I am Wisdom, and I have insight; I have knowledge and sound judgment.

"The Holy Spirit enables us to do ordinary things with extraordinary results." ~ Pastor Jack Graham

4. To walk in authority.

Mark 13:34 (KJ21) For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

5. To walk in power.

1 Corinthians 4:20 (VOICE) The kingdom of God is not a realm of grandiose talk; it is a realm of power.

Power is the Greek word *dunamis* = power entrusted to believers that is full of phenomenal ability, explosive, dynamic in its workings.

"Do what God says do. Endeavor to be faithful, no matter what happens or what comes. And leave the results to God." ~ Kenneth E. Hagin

- B. Putting on the NEW brings new desires.

Psalms 37:4 (NIRV) Find your delight in the LORD. Then he will give you everything your heart really wants.

IV. WE MUST BE WILLING TO MOVE ON WITH THE NEW

- A. Adaptable – able to adjust oneself readily to different conditions.

Isaiah 43:1b-3a (MSG) "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end—Because I am GOD, your personal God.

- B. Curious – eager to know or learn something.

Proverbs 18:15 (NIRV) Those whose hearts understand what is right get knowledge. That's because the ears of those who are wise listen for it.

- C. Keep Growing.

2 Peter 3:18 (CEV) Let the gift of undeserved grace and the understanding that come from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ help you keep on growing. Praise Jesus now and forever! Amen.