

Repurposing Your Life New Year's Eve 2017

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Today we see people are repurposing old products that were intended for one purpose but have found a new and unique way of making that product useful once again. I remember when many of my age group left home we would take various products and make an entertainment center out of them. Such as cinder blocks and boards.

Repurposing a product requires Change!
Repurposing a Person also requires Change!

Change is something we all need. It is an ongoing part of life. With its constant flux, life demands adjustments for our schedules and plans. Essentially, change is the new norm. But people's spiritual lives call for more than slight changes to the calendar. Their lives are in need of transformation.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. (17a) The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

I. **Repurposing Your Life** starts with New Life, not just a New Leaf! (17a) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The very heart of the Christian faith revolves around change, but it is not turning over a new leaf - it is living out a new life.

Colossians 2:13-15 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nauling it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

John 3:3 Jesus calls it being "born again."

II. **Repurposing Your Life** is a Process, not a Destination! (**Philippians 1:6**) "I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus".

2 Peter 1:4 "By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desires"

2 Corinthians 3:18 "We all, with unveiled faces, are reflecting the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit".

III. **Repurposing Your Life** is Letting Go of what is old and Grabbing Hold of what is new! (**17a**) The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

"Be holy as I am holy" sound like an impossible task. Its possibility comes by the work of God and not the work of man.

Ephesians 4:20-24 "But that is not how you learned about the Messiah, assuming you heard Him and were taught by Him, because the truth is in Jesus: you **took off your former way of life**, the old man that is corrupted by deceitful desires; you are being renewed in the spirit of your minds; **you put on the new man**, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth".

Here are some of the reasons that change is difficult for people:

- a. Because we are **stubborn**
- b. Because we are **trapped**
- c. Because we are **comfortable**
- d. Because we are **afraid**
- d. Because change **hurts**
- e. Because we lack **power**

Repurposing your life is to allow the change we all need that is offered by Christ. It is a transformation that we are privileged to serve as an ambassador for Christ in this life.

Repurposing Your Life To Serve God Glorifies God!

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