

A Parable About Discipleship

Once upon a time there was a man and his wife who lived in a house that needed much repair. Rather than fixing up their old house they decided to build a new house on the vacant lot they owned next door. The man and his wife developed plans for their new house and hired people to help them build it. It was an exciting time. First, the foundation was poured, and then the framing went up, next the roof was added followed by the dry walling. All the detail work outside and in made the house a daily hub of activity. The building was beginning to look like the house that they had envisioned. It became a nightly ritual for the man and his wife to walk through their new house to see all that had been accomplished that day. After a while the work on the house was far enough along that the couple began taking belongings from their old home where they lived to the new one. First they transferred small boxes, but as work on the house moved toward completion the man and his wife moved more and more of their possessions into it. Then one night as they took their walk through their new house they realized that they had more of their belongings in their new house than they had in their old one so they decided to just stay there. It was now home indeed.

“Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Ephesians 4: 21-24