

Old and New Wineskins

January 2, 2022 Luke 5:33-39

33 And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink." 34 And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? 35 The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." 36 He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39 And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.'"

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Looking at the past and into the new year, what are the constant things in your life?
- 2. What spiritual disciplines do you practice? How can a Christian know when self-discipline crosses over to legalism?
- 3. How can Christ-followers know what kinds of activity are "allowable" on Sundays? Or, does anything go on Sundays?
- 4. Read John 5:39-40 again. How does this help you with your outlook for the rest of the year?