

Maybe It Is Time To Build A New House

2 Corinthians 5:1–8 (NIV) — **(1)** Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. **(2)** Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, **(3)** because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. **(4)** For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **(5)** Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. **(6)** Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. **(7)** We live by faith, not by sight. **(8)** We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

I) The Promise Of Our New House

II) The Style Of Our New House

III) The Approval Of Our New House

IV) Building A New House

John 14:2 (NIV) — **(2)** In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

Matthew 7:24–29 (NIV) — **(24)** “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **(25)** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. **(26)** But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. **(27)** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” **(28)** When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, **(29)** because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Psalms 27:11 (NIV) — **(11)** Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Psalms 25:4 (NIV) — **(4)** Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;

Psalms 119:12 (NIV) — **(12)** Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees.

Luke 11:1 (NIV) — **(1)** One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Psalms 90:12 (NIV) — **(12)** Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

2 Corinthians 5:2–3 (NIV) — **(2)** Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, **(3)** because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.