**Mark 2:18-22 Illustrated**

**Moral Improvement/Old Wineskin**

1. **Practices I assume.**

 *“I’m going to be better.”*

2. **Conduct added to my schedule**

 *“I’ll change my ways.”*

3. **New resolutions**

 ***“I*** *do”*

4. **My spirit.**

 *“It’s up to me.”*

5. **Law**

 *Personally imposed.*

6. **Fearless moral inventory**

 *Out of conduct are issues of life.*

7. **Penance**

 *Make up for one practice with another*

8. **No forgiveness**

 *No sense of love/acceptance*

9. **Despair**.

10. **Get weak and discouraged**.

11. **Give up.**

12. **Death/Everlasting Death**

**Marriage to Christ[[1]](#footnote-1)/New Wine**

1. **Person I commit myself to!**

 *“I am married to Christ/Bridegroom!”*

2. **Christ IS my schedule!**

 *“For me to live is Christ.”*

3. **New Creation!**

 *“If anyone is in Christ: New creation.”*

4. **Holy Spirit!**

 *“Live in the Spirit/Walk in the Spirit”*

5. **Grace!**

 *“By grace I am saved, through faith, and that not of myself…”*

6. **Fearless spiritual inventory!**

 “*Out of heart are issues of life.”*

7. **Repentance!**

 *“Turning from/keeping self from idols.”*

8. **Forgiveness!**

 *“There is forgiveness with my Husband.”*

9. **Hope!**

10. **Strength given day by day!**

 “*I can do all things through Christ…”*

11. **Persevere!**

 *“Kept by power of God through faith.”*

12. **Life/Everlasting Life!**

 *“My groom has come that I might have life. He lives forever. I do, too!”*

1. This has a corporate application, i.e. to the church, and a personal application, i.e. to the individual Christian believer. Cf. II Cor. 11:2 & I Cor. 6:15-17 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)