



Title | Are You Ready For Your Fixer Upper?  
Text | Romans 12:2, Ephesians 4:22-24  
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# Sermon Notes

## **Romans 12**

<sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

## **Ephesians 4**

<sup>22</sup>that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, <sup>23</sup>and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup>and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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## **Big Idea:**

### Romans 12:2

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# For Reflection & Application:

## Monday:

Read Ephesians 4:22-24. The word for “renewed” also means “renovate”. How do these verses relate to working on a fixer upper? Would you say that your life is a fixer upper? The good news is that God is in the business of transformation. Right now, ask God to help perform a transformation in your life, realizing that it is a continual process that takes a lifetime.

## Tuesday:

Read Psalm 139:23-24. Similar to doing a walkthrough inspection of an old house, ask God to join you in a “walkthrough” of the areas of your life, that He may point out the areas that require His transforming power.

## Wednesday:

Read Ephesians 4:22, 25-31. You will likely discover areas of your life that require you to remove or let go of things that you hold onto tightly. Often, they are things that keep you from following God, such as hurtful, immoral, or unethical behaviors, habits or addictions. This can be a painful process, and one that may require continual prayer, the support of close, believing friends or a Christian pastor/counselor. This is similar to the “demo” phase of doing a fixer upper and is often necessary to allow new construction and transformation to take place.

## Thursday:

Read Ephesians 4:23-24,32, 5:1-17. Construction is a very important part of doing a fixer upper. If we were to stop the process after demo, transformation would remain incomplete. In the same way, our transformation must involve construction, asking God to build the right things into our life, things that bring us closer to Him and to be more like Him. This will involve a lifetime of continually spending time with God in prayer, studying God’s Word (the Bible), and learning to trust Him more and more.

## Friday:

Read Philippians 3:20-21, Hebrews 4:14-16. As in any fixer upper, there will likely be times of great difficulty and even failure. But do not be discouraged, for He loves you deeply and has a lot of grace to give to you. In time, you will see His transforming power taking place in your life, and ultimately, when we are in heaven, the transformation will be complete!

## Daily Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I am so far from perfect and often feel like a broken vessel. I am so amazed that You died on the cross for me and have loved and accepted me as-is. I am Your fixer upper. I want to become more like who You are – loving, gracious, merciful, patient, kind, and more! And I also want to learn to trust You more and more each day. I feel like I am so far from those things, but I am ready to take the first step in the transformation process that You have prepared for me. I love you and I thank you for your loving grace in my life. Amen.