

Vessels

2Ti 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

Honorable vessels hold:

beautiful flowers to please the master of the house,
the drink for the masters body
foods for the masters strength

dishonorable vessels could best be illustrated by thinking of things like
bedpans, spittoons, or... garbage cans

What do you think of when you see a wastebasket? Flowers, monuments, holiness?

No, you think of garbage. You think of filth, or anything unworthy to be kept around.

The purpose of a wastebasket or garbage can is ignoble. It has no honor. It's meant to keep us from being contaminated with its contents.

It holds the waste that displeases the master,

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

esteem exalt lift up god in your body

Psalm 119:9-11 - 9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. 11 Thy word

have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

2. Must be sanctified – set apart

3. Must be prepared = useful – for every good work

III. We must purge our inner man in order to be vessels fit for the Master's use

2 Timothy 2:22 - Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

A. Flee youthful lusts

1 Corinthians 6:18 - Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. Porn yoo o any unlawful sexual practice porn

1 Peter 2:11 - Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

2Ti 2:26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

This is my job, not to be a politician kiss babies stroke egos placate the biggest givers or play the favorites game but to instruct those that are there own worst enemies

Galatians 6:1 - Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

7 steps of making a vessel

FIRST STAGE...The Unrefined Stage. Full of sin, needing God to bring us out of the horrible pit of miry clay.

Ps 139:15-16, My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth. 16 Thine eyes have

seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

Ps 40:2 - He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay; And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.

SECOND STAGE...The Liquid Stage. We are washed and cleansed by the blood of Jesus. THE NEW BIRTH

1 John 1:7 - but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Eph 5:26 - that He might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word,

THIRD STAGE...The Plastic Stage. We go to the pounding and wedging table where we have the hidden air bubbles and hard lumps removed. These are referred to as INIQUITY.

Matt 23:28 - "Even so, you do outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity or lawlessness.

Ps 66:18 - If I regard [enjoy respect] wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear;

Matt 7: 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice iniquity or lawlessness.' Wont line up to gods word wont listen to gods man

Ps 32:5 - I acknowledged my sin to Thee, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And Thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin. Selah.

FOURTH STAGE...The Leather Hard Stage. This stage is where we are strong enough to be handled and we come off the milk of the word onto the meat.

There is a POSITIVE SIDE where we become stronger and more mature

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

1 Peter 5:9-10, And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

There is also a NEGATIVE SIDE where we become stubborn and unwilling to yield.

Matt 24:12 - "And because iniquity/lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold

Jer 23:38-39, "Therefore behold, I shall surely forget you and cast you away from My presence, along with the city which I gave you and your fathers".

Isa 48:10 - "Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction."

FIFTH STAGE...The Bone-Dry Stage...This is the Wilderness Walk. Where we learn to walk by FAITH and NOT FEELINGS. A proving and testing time

Deut 8:1-2, And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

Matt 4:1 - Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

SIXTH STAGE...The Firing Stage. This is to strengthen and purify us. A time when God is transforming our old nature into the image and likeness of Christ.

1 Peter 4:12 - Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

1 Cor 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

Ps 105:24 - And He caused His people to be very fruitful, And made them stronger than their adversaries.

SEVENTH STAGE...The Glaze Stage. Liquid glass that seals the pores.. This represents Christ's Righteousness that covers us.

Eph 1:13 - In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

And Mary was part of the impossible because of the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 6:5 Stephen was chosen because he was full of the holy ghost
2Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Sealed 1) to set a seal upon, mark with a seal, to seal

1a) for security: from Satan

1b) since things sealed up are concealed (as the contents of a letter), to hide, keep in silence, keep secret

1c) in order to mark a person or a thing

1c1) to set a mark upon by the impress of a seal or a stamp

earnest is a down payment that the full amount will subsequently be paid