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POTTER'S CLAY

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God is the perfect Potter and we are the Clay (Jer. 18:1-6). Just as a potter has a plan for His clay, He has designed and crafted a perfect plan for us having a definite purpose in His mind. Despite our flawed nature, God does not intend to discard us because we are His precious vessels. Instead, he continuously and patiently works on us.

1. WE ARE GOD'S HANDIWORK.

1.1 God formed man from dust, gave him the breath of life and he became a living soul (Gen.2:7). God as a skillful potter, applies precise techniques to make the clay strong vessels.

1.2 Being the clay, we do not have any right to question our Potter, but we simply trust Him to mold us into a flawless piece of His handiwork ((Rom. 9: 20-21; Isa.29:16; Isa. 45:9; Isa. 64:8).

1.3 God who has the best interest of the clay wants to be proud of His handiwork which should have metamorphosed after it has been completed.

1.4 Only God has the best plan for His children. (Jer. 29: 11). That is precisely what God has in mind for us. He wants to mold us to conform to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:29).

2. THE VESSEL BECOMES MARRED

2.1 Man has been ruined because of sins (Eccl. 7:29). God made humankind honest, but they have pursued many designs: wants & desires.

2.2 Due to disobedience, impurities, outside sources/influences and hardened hearts, the plan of God is marred.

2.3 When we want only the "blessings," not the "responsibilities" of serving God, we fall short of His expectations.

2.4 When we starve ourselves by not reading and studying the Word, we forget His perfect plan for us.

2.5 When we lack communication with God by not praying, we lose our attachment to our Maker.

However, God is a master Potter who has a way of remolding flawed vessels and turning them into something beautiful. He can take our sins and shame and then remold us into vessels that glorify Him. So, whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come" (2Cor. 5:17).

3. THE CHARACTER OF GOD, THE POTTER:

3.1 He is always at work.

3.2 He is patient.

3.3 He is persistent.

3.4 His unseen presence is evident.

CONCLUSION

We are all vessels, but each one with a different purpose. Let us just allow God to shape us and fashion us into a vessel fit for His use. Whatever kind of vessel He makes of us, God has set us apart to be used in His household (2 Tim. 2: 20-21). We must, therefore, strive to be clean and moldable. We are not finished yet, and God, in His perfect time, will complete His work in us.

REFLECTION:

1. What areas in your life need to be addressed by the Potter?

2. Have you allowed God to continuously form you according to His will? If not, why?

3. How can we be sensitive to God's master plan for us?

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