

## Seven Portraits of an Enduring Leader VI

### “A Vessel”

There are many dynamics to multidimensional leaders.

There are leadership relationships.

You cannot have influence with people you don't have access to.

There is leadership stewardship.

We are stewards of everything, owners of nothing.

There is leadership.

He leads us so that we can lead others.

An enduring leader is a vessel.

*KJV 2 Timothy 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. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

*Mess 2 Timothy 2:20* In a well-furnished kitchen there are not only **crystal goblets and silver platters, but waste cans and compost buckets—some containers used to serve fine meals, others to take out the garbage.** <sup>21</sup> **Become the kind of container God can use to present any and every kind of gift to his guests for their blessing.** <sup>22</sup> Run away from infantile indulgence. Run after mature righteousness—faith, love, peace—joining those who are in honest and serious prayer before God.

### I

There are honorable vessels and containers. *Vs 21a*

Honorable vessels are used for the special guest.

Human beings are special to God. *John 3:16*

Vessels of honor are clean, purified, and ready for use.

*God can use anything (a donkey) and anyone (Samson); however, He chooses to work best in clean vessels (Jesus).*

## II

Vessels of **dishonor** are common and earthly. *Vs 21b*

Dishonorable vessels are people who don't slay **youthful** lust.

Dishonorable vessels are people who don't run to righteousness.

Dishonorable vessels are those running after **infantile** indulgences.

“What you not slay in your youth, will slay you in your old age”. *Dr. Edwin Louis Cole*

## III

We have a treasure in our **earthen** vessel.

*NKJ 2 Corinthians 4:7* But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

The seed the Lord **invested** in you is your potential.

Your potential is...

What is your **untapped** ability?

What is your **unused** strength?

What is that **untouched** God-given creativity in you?

What is that deep reservoir of potential you have not stirred?

⇒ What is the treasure in you?

During times of crisis, tap into your treasure.

During times of crisis, use your treasure.

During times of crisis, exploit your treasure.

**2 Timothy 1:6** Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

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