

Unused Clay to Useful Vessels

Isaiah 64:8 (AMP)

“Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.”

God has this **vital** relationship with you and I to design you to do the job in the Kingdom of God that **only you** can uniquely do.

You and I were made to be **useful** vessels, not unused clay.

I. Clay must be empowered before it can be developed into a vessel.

There are things in our heart, mind, spirit or body that do not always align with the will of God, and those things can cause **destruction** to our purpose.

We must be **willing** to surrender to the will of God allowing him to purge out of us what is impure or harmful.

Matthew 3:16 NIV, Matthew 4:1 NIV (Jesus tested in the wilderness)

Empowerment **takes time**. God will continue to “wedge” us spiritually so that nothing hinders the Kingdom job you and I were destined for in this life.

II. Staying in the Center of His Will

Staying centered is the most difficult part of the process of creating a useable vessel.

When you are in the center of God’s will you discover that God is **lovingly reshaping** you.

III. Opening to the Potter

The Potter’s hands are always **working** together to create and form us. There is constant attention, molding, adding and subtracting and correction to our life. This is necessary for us to become what He **intends** us to become.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) says *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

IV. Stop and Rest

“Dry Seasons” are **necessary** for quiet; depth, resilience, and clarity are formed.

God has not forgotten you because you are being **still**. Waiting is a part of the process, not a pause from it.

V. Get Ready for the Fire

Intense **trials** strengthen, refine, and prepare a person for long lasting purpose and service.

When **going through** trials it is important to keep yourself in relationship with God the Potter.

James 1:2-4 NIV says *“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything”*

VI. The Useful Vessel

We may not always be **satisfied** with how God has made us or the places he has put us in service. But we should be grateful for His divine plan and will for our lives.

Yielding to God and allowing Him to find us, clean, no impurities and surrendered we will surely become a useful vessel.

- God is the Master Potter. We are the clay.
- We must be willing to be wedged and purified so that we can be empowered to change our world.
- We must stay in the center of His will - yielding to His purpose for our life not our own.
- We must walk in our unique purpose for the kingdom.
- We must rest to be ready to be useful vessels.
- We must become a useful vessel designed to do the job in the kingdom of G-d that only we uniquely can do.

Are you ready to be all that God has created you to be? Don't be like the clay who wanted to be a punchbowl, **let** God make you into who He needs you to be in the Kingdom.

When we yield to His shaping—through cleansing, forming, waiting, and refining—He creates a beautiful, useful vessel for His purposes **ready** to change the world.

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