

## LESSONS FROM THE POTTER

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- \* Today -- Lessons From the Potter
  - \* (We talked about this subject on 6/24/06)
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Isaiah 64:8                      God is our Father -- we are the clay, He is the  
                                         Potter -- we are the work of His hands  
Lam. 4:2                         esteemed as earthen pitchers -- the work of the  
                                         hands of the potter

### 1. THE CLAY HAS TO BE CENTERED ON THE WHEEL

Deut. 6:4-5                      loving God with whole being  
Lev. 19:18                       loving your neighbor as yourself  
Matt. 7:24-27                   foundation of rock  
Matt. 6:33                       seeking first His Kingdom and His righteousness

### 2. THE CLAY NEEDS WATER

Heb. 3:8                         harden not your hearts  
                                         13                         hardened through the deceitfulness of sin  
John 4:13-14                      shall never thirst  
John 7:37-39                      if any man thirst, let him drink  
Rev. 22:1,17                      water of life

#### \* the Word

Isaiah 55:8-9                      God's thoughts  
                                         10-11 as the rain -- so is God's word  
Eph. 5:26                         the washing of water by the Word  
Heb. 10:22                        washed with pure water

#### \* the Holy Spirit

1 Cor. 6:11                       you are washed  
Titus 3:5                         washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy  
Spirit

### 3. THE POTTER'S WHEEL MUST NOT SPIN TOO FAST

Num. 14:18                       God is patient  
                                         19                        Moses asked God to pardon the people  
                                         20-23                      although God pardoned the people, He did not  
                                         allow them to enter the promised land  
Isaiah 30:18                       God will wait -- so He may be gracious unto us  
Rom. 2:4                         don't despise His forbearance and longsuffering  
                                         -- knowing that the goodness of God leads  
                                         to repentance  
2 Pet. 3:9                        God is faithful concerning His promises -- He is

patient toward us

4. THE CLAY MUST BE PRESSURED

- \* Before it is put on the wheel  
(to get the bubbles out)

Isaiah 41:25 as the potter tramples clay

- \* After it is put on the wheel  
hand in the center -- to give it shape  
tugging on clay -- pulling straight out

Matt. 10:39 lose your life for His sake -- (also, 16:25)

Mark 10:30 persecutions in this life

Acts 14:22 we enter into the kingdom of God through much  
tribulation

Rom. 8:17 heirs of God -- joint-heirs with Christ -- if  
we suffer with Him

2 Cor. 12:10 distresses for Christ's sake

2 Thes. 1:4 persecutions & tribulations that you endure

2 Tim. 3:11 endured -- delivered

12 live godly -- shall suffer persecution

5. THE CLAY MAY BE TRIMMED WITH A STICK

6. THE CLAY MUST BE HARDENED BY HEAT

Job 1:6-19 God pulled back the hedge

Job 2:1-6 God pulled back the hedge even more

7. IF THE CLAY HAS DEFICIENCIES (LIKE CRACKS), IT  
SHOULD NOT BE HARDENED BY HEAT -- OR ELSE IT IS  
DISCARDED

Isaiah 30:14 potter's vessel -- broken in pieces

Rev. 2:27 broken to shivers as the vessels of a potter

- \* Permanently discarded

Matt. 12:31-32 not forgiven in this world or the world to come  
Heb. 6:4-6 impossible

- \* Temporarily discarded

Rom. 9:20 the vessel -- "why have you made me like this?"  
21 vessels of honor & dishonor

8. BEFORE THE CLAY IS HARDENED BY HEAT, IT CAN BE BROKEN  
TO BE REMADE

Jer. 18:1-3 go to the potter's house

4 the potter reshaped the clay

8 God can relent of the disaster

10                    God can relent of the good  
11                    return from your ways