

*"But now, O LORD, Thou Art our Father; we are the clay, and Thou Our Potter; and We All Are The Work Of Thy Hand."*  
*Isaiah 64:8no2 KJV*



Dear Believer, trusting and obeying God, keeps you exactly where He needs you with exactly the right task. *"It Is God Which Worketh In you both to Will and to Do of His Good Pleasure."* The watchmaker puts many different pieces into a fine watch. Not all are a watch face, a hand, a gear, or a spring, but each piece is exactly formed, exactly located, doing exactly what it needs to do. Some parts move swiftly, others slowly, and some not at all, but all fit together. Some are visible, some are not. Without the gears, the hands and face would be useless. Each believer fits into a precise niche in the *"Body of Christ."* We must submit to His Workmanship in us that we may be part of

the Whole. *"For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, 'Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body;' is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, 'Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body;' is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now Hath God Set the members every one of them in the Body, as It Hath Pleas'd Him, the Whole Body Fitly Joined Together. Now ye Are The Body of Christ, and members in particular. And [Christ] is the Head of The Body, The Church. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also Is Christ. 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? For ye Are Bought with a Price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* That we are not our own is perhaps the hardest Truth for pride to swallow. If I don't belong to me, then it is God who is responsible for my well-being. We don't hold a child responsible for their well-being, but the parents. A child's only true responsibility is obedience.

Each lump of clay from out the pit,  
Must to Potter's hands submit,  
If they would be a vessel pure,  
And in His house remain secure! –CGP

*"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. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the Law of Christ."* What is the Law of Christ? *"Love one another as I Have Loved you."* Instead of picking each other apart, gossiping, and backbiting, submit one to the other in Christ. Gear tooth against gear tooth will grind the other down without the fine oil of the Spirit lubricating every movement and the jewels of Truth holding every pivot point in precise relationship to all others. It only takes one misaligned piece to ruin a fine timepiece. It only takes one bitter spirit to infect the Assembly. *"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the Grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."* Bitterness is the fruit of covetousness. The most important thing you can do for *"the Body of Christ"* is to stay in direct communication with its Head, Jesus Christ. *"Jesus Christ Himself Being The Chief Corner Stone; In Whom all the Building Fitly Framed Together Groweth Unto An Holy Temple In the Lord: In Whom ye also Are Buildded Together for an Habitation of God Through the Spirit."* If we walk *"in the Spirit,"* obey Truth, we have fellowship, because Truth becomes common ground!

*"But speaking the Truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, Which Is The Head, Even Christ: From Whom The Whole Body Fitly Joined Together And Compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the Effectual Working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of The Body unto the edifying of itself in Love."* Ephesians 4:15-16 KJV