

"Then I went down to [The Potter's House](#), and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it." [Jeremiah 18:3-4 KJV](#)



Nowadays potters can buy their medium at the supply house, but the ancients had to go down to the muddy riverbank and search for the miry clay. Once found, it would be taken back to the shop, and for lack of a better word, "tempered." The ancient potter spent many days of preparation getting ready to put the clay on the wheel. The potter would wash the clay daily with water to rid it of impurities until he was ready to use it. If it grew hard and unyielding, he would discard it for a more usable lump. He would spin the lower wheel with his feet while he worked the clay on the wheel above. Water would be added to make the clay more workable. The more pliable the clay, the more beautiful the vessel. Sometimes the clay would fly apart on the wheel. After remolding the clay with his hands just the way he wanted it, he would let it set a bit. Then he would fire it in the kiln. Many lovely vessels have cracked in the heat because of impurities not washed away, but the ones that make it through are then finished with paint and glaze to beautify the work of the potter. After the final firing to fix the glaze, it is ready for use. God Speaks often of us as earthen vessels which He Has Fashioned for His Purpose and His Pleasure. *"Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?"* If we become hard and unyielding, He Discards us in favor of those more pliable to His Will. Paul wrote, *"I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."* After yielding we have to endure the furnace of trials. If we don't break under the pressure, God uses us to beautify His House; the Church; the Temple of the Living God. *"Ye also, as Lively Stones, Are Built Up A Spiritual House, An Holy Priesthood, to offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."* Whatever the Potter intended as our purpose, will bring Him honor.

Each vessel on the Potter's frame,
From river's miry clay first came,
If it yields to the Potter's hand,
It will eternity withstand. –CGP

We each have a unique purpose of the Lord's Choosing. *"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. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one Body."* If we fulfill God's Purpose, He Will Be Pleas'd To Use us. Psalms tells us, *"Thou Art Holy, O Thou That Inhabitest the praises of Israel."* Allowing the Potter's Purpose free reign in our life is the purest praise any saint can give to the Potter. *"Let This Mind be in you, Which Was also in Christ Jesus. Being Found in fashion as a man, He Humbled Himself, And Became Obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."* A saint is anyone who obeys the Word of God, and the yields to touch of the Master's Hand.

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the Household of Faith." [Galatians 6:9-10 KJV](#)