Today’s Verse
“But the foundation that God has laid is solid. On it is written, ‘The Lord knows who his people are. So everyone who worships the Lord must turn away from evil.’ In a large house some dishes are made of gold or silver, while others are made of wood or clay. Some of these are special, and others are not. That’s also how it is with people. The ones who stop doing evil and make themselves pure will become special. Their lives will be holy and pleasing to their Master, and they will be able to do all kinds of good deeds. Run from temptations that capture young people. Always do the right thing. Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with. Worship with people whose hearts are pure. Stay away from stupid and senseless arguments. These only lead to trouble, and God’s servants must not be troublemakers. They must be kind to everyone, and they must be good teachers and very patient. Be humble when you correct people who oppose you. Maybe God will lead them to turn to him and learn the truth. They have been trapped by the devil, and he makes them obey him, but God may help them escape.”

VESSLES FOR GOD’S USE

2 Timothy 2:20, 21
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 honor, and some to dishonor. 21 Therefore if anyone purges himself from these, he shall be a vessel to honor, sanctified and useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

Mother Teresa once made such a choice. First, Mother Teresa did not set out to help the poor. For over twenty years she taught the wealthiest children in Calcutta, India. Everyday she overlooked the impoverished slums and the people living in the streets that surrounded the well-to-do neighborhood in which she worked. She was perfectly content with her life. Until one night she was denied. The woman belonged to the wrong social caste. In desperation, Mother Teresa took the woman to her home. Later that night, the woman died in the comfort of Mother Teresa’s loving arms.

That night Mother Teresa resolved that this would never happen again to anyone within her reach. She decided that she would devote her life to easing the pain of those who suffered around her. Whether they lived or died, they would do so with dignity. She would personally do everything in her power to see that they would be treated better than they had ever been treated in their entire lives, with the love and respect that all people deserve. (2)

Mother Teresa made a choice. Do you think she ever dreamed that by making that choice her name would one day be a household word? Do you imagine that she ever dreamed how many lives she would eventually touch? Obviously not. We never know when we are sowing seed what the result might be.

The great house represents the Church. The Master of the house is the Lord Himself. Who are the vessels?
They are believers whom the Master, the Lord wants to use in His service.

Acts 9:15-17  But the Lord said to him, Go! For this one is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My name before nations and kings and the sons of Israel. 16  For I will show you kings and the sons of Israel. 16: For I will show him what great things he must suffer for My name’s sake.

We are saved to serve.

Ephesians 2:8, 10
For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God has beforeordained that we should walk in.

Lord Jesus calls us to go for Him

Matthew 28:19,20
Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world. Amen.

This is very wonderful isn’t it? That God wants to use us. God wants to use me.

Say it loud “God wants to use me.”

THE VESSELS GOD USES MUST BE CLEAN
1 Thess. 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. We ourselves do not use unclean vessels on our dinning table or in our Kitchen. So also God uses only clean vessels set apart for His spiritual work. We must have clean hearts to Worship Him.

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Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

We must have clean feet to Walk for Jesus and be sent by Jesus in to His Mission fields Psalm 119:9 With what shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your Word.

We must have clean lips to speak for Him Isaiah 6:5-8 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Isaiah 52:11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing: go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

We must have clean eyes to see God Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all, and holiness, without which no one shall see the Lord;

So before God can use us we must be purged. Purged from what? Everything that is contrary to His will and wrong associations.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship does righteousness have with lawlessness? And what partnership does light have with darkness?

Purge from unclean habits and doubtful things 2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

WHO IS TO DO THIS PURGING?

We are to do it. “If a man therefore cleanses himself.” 2 Timothy 2:21

2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

A VESSEL OF HONOR

The vessel is to bring Honor to the Lord and the Master of the House.

If we are to bring Honor to Him, we must be clean vessels ready for His use. Holiness is essential to be used of God.

1 Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1 Corinthians 3:8,9 Now the planter and the waterer are working for the same end: but they will have their separate rewards in the measure of their work. 9 For we are workers with God:

was small but was considered great as it was done for a great person.

My dear friends if you can do a small thing for Christ and His Kingdom. It is still a great thing since you are doing it for the King of Kings and Lord of lords. You can become useful Vessel of God. But the foundation that God has laid is solid. On it is written, “The Lord knows who his people are. So everyone who worships the Lord must turn away from evil.” In a large house some dishes are made of gold or silver, while others are made of wood or clay. Some of these are special, and others are not. That’s also how it is with people. The ones who stop doing evil and make themselves pure will become special. Their lives will be holy and pleasing to their Master, and they will be able to do all kinds of good deeds. Run from temptations that capture young people. Always do the right thing. Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with. Worship with people whose hearts are pure.

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Be humble when you correct people who you are God’s planting, God’s building.

Queen of England was visiting Canada. It was a day of heavy rains and muddy place was in her pathway. So a gallant Young man removed his raincoat and spread it over the puddle.

Queen gave a smile and took a detour to avoid the spot. Next day News papers blazed the Young man’s name on front pages. The deed oppose you. Maybe God will lead them to turn to him and learn the truth.

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