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JUST A JAR OF CLAY

“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”

Psalms 139: 13-16 (NLT)

The Christian is simply a “jar of clay”, it is the treasure within the vessel that gives the vessel its value. God has made us the way we are so that we can do the work He wants us to do. God said of Paul, “He is a chosen vessel unto Me to bear My name before the Gentiles” (Acts 9:15). No Christian should ever complain to God because of his lack of gifts or abilities, or because of his limitations or handicaps. Our very genetic structure is in the hands of God. Each of us must accept himself and be himself.

The important thing about a vessel is that it be clean, empty, and available for service. Each of us must seek to become a vessel so that God might use us. We are earthen vessels, so we need to depend on God’s power and not our own.

We must focus on the treasure, not on the vessel. Paul was not afraid of suffering or trial, because he knew God would guard the vessel as long as Paul was guarding the treasure. Sometimes God permits our vessels to be jarred so that some of the treasure will spill out and enrich others.

Remember this: We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. AMEN.

Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

