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The Master was searching for a vessel to use;
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“Take me”, cried the gold one. “I’m shiny and bright.
I’m of great value and I do things just right.
My beauty and luster will outshine the rest
And for someone like You, Master, gold would be the best!”

The Master passed on with no word at all;
He looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall;
"I'll serve You, dear Master, I'll pour out Your wine
And I'll be at Your table whenever You dine,
My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true,
And my silver will always compliment You."

Unheeding the Master passed on to the brass,
It was wide mouthed and shallow, and polished like glass.
"Here! Here!" cried the vessel, "I know I will do.
Place me on Your table for all men to view."

“Look at me”, called the goblet of crystal so clear.

“My transparency shows my contents so dear,
Though fragile am I, I will serve You with pride,
And I’m sure I’ll be happy in Your house to abide.”

The Master came next to a vessel of wood,
Polished and carved, it solidly stood.

“You may use me, dear Master”, the wooden bowl said,
“But I’d rather You used me for fruit, not for bread!”

Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay.

Empty and broken it helplessly lay.

No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose,

To cleanse and make whole, to fill and to use.

“Ah! This is the vessel I’ve been hoping to find,

I will mend and use it and make it all Mine.

I need not the vessel with pride of its self;

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Nor one who displays his contents so proud;

Not the one who thinks he can do all things just right;

But this plain earthy vessel filled with My power and might.”

Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay.
Mended and cleansed it and filled it that day.
Spoke to it kindly. "There's work you must do,
Just pour out to others as I pour into you."

Types of Vessels

- Vessel of Honor
 - Gold and silver
 - Life of purity and holiness
- Vessel of Dishonor
 - Wood and clay
 - Life of uncleanness

If Anyone Cleanses Himself

- To clean completely
- To purify
- To be set free
- Anyone - You have not been predestined to be the way you are. And you have not been predestined to stay the way you are.

Cleansing Process

- By the Grace of God
- Repent
- Renounce
- Sanctify

Grace of God

- Eph. 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.
- Rom. 8:1 there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
- 2 Corinth. 12:9 My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

Repent

- To Confess - tell/acknowledge of our iniquities
- To turn from with an intent to never do it again
- 1 John 1:8-9 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 if we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and **purify** us from all unrighteousness.

Repent of Our Iniquities

- Shun profane babblings (2 Tim. 2:16-18)
- Turn away from wickedness (2 Tim. 2:19)
- Flee the evil desires of youth (2 Tim. 2:22)
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Renounce

- To reject formally; declare against; disclaim
- 2 Corinth. 4:2 we have **renounced** secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

Sanctify

- To make holy
- To declare it belongs to God
- To set apart for godly purpose

Sanctify

- **Through Holy Spirit**

- 1 Thelss. 5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, **sanctify** you **through and through**. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept **blameless** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **By God's Words**

- Ps. 119:9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By **living according to your word**.
- John 17:17 **Sanctify them by the truth**; your word is truth.

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2 Corth 4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.



By the love of God, grace of Jesus Christ, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, help me see/recognize areas of my sins.

So that by the love of God, grace of Jesus Christ, and the help of the Holy Spirit, I can repent of my iniquities.

And by the love of God and grace of Jesus Christ and the help of the Holy Spirit, I can renounce to the enemy that sins no longer have hooks in me

And by the love of God and grace of Jesus, and the help of the Holy Spirit, I can be sanctified daily

So that I can be transformed from a vessel of dishonor to a vessel of honor.

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