

Freedom Group #11

Vessels of Honor

2 Timothy 2:20-21 *In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. 21 If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. NLT*

In this passage, the Apostle Paul uses household items as an analogy to describe believers and our ability to be useful to God by serving Him and fulfilling our respective destinies. He is the One who prepares us, refines us, and makes us honorable. Though you may not feel very special or honorable at this moment, God sees you this way. You are not defined or limited by your past!

During week #4 we discussed justification and sanctification. Remember, justification is an event that takes place when we are saved. When Jesus becomes our Savior, at that very moment, every sin of our past is wiped clean. God removes the junk of yesterday, just as if we had never sinned. Sanctification is not an event, it's a process. It's a journey through which God molds and transforms our character.

4 Stages of Christianity

1. Unbelievers become Christians.
2. Believers become disciples who begin to grow.
3. Disciples become leaders who find their purpose in life.
4. Leaders become servants.

Honor in Action – 3 steps to become vessels of honor

1. Offer our Bodies

Romans 12:1 *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. NLT*

Job 31:1 / 2 Timothy 2:22 / Romans 6:12-14

2. Renew our Minds

Romans 12:2 *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. NLT*

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV / 1 Peter 5:8 / Isaiah 53:5

Scriptures will dismantle the Lies of the enemy.

Lie	Truth	Lie	Truth
You are confused	1 Corinthians 2:16	Bad things will happen	Psalms 91:10
You are fearful	2 Timothy 1:7	God can't hear you	Psalms 34:17
There is no hope	Jeremiah 29:11	Nothing will change	Isaiah 43:18-19
You're going to die	Psalms 118:17		

3. Surrender our Wills

Romans 12:2 *...Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. NLT*

Prepare for Battle

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. NLT*

The Breakdown – How to Break out of Bondage

2 Timothy 2:25-26 *...Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. 26 Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants. NLT*

Repentance – Titus 2:11-12 (NIV)

Casting off Darkness – 1 John 1:7

The Process of Breaking Free

1. Confess – admitting we are wrong
2. Repentance – to change direction
3. Cast off – refusing to allow the enemy to continue

4. Bless – fill the area the enemy used to fill in your life with truth and promises