

VESSELS

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“Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels but also vessels of wood and of clay, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if any man cleanses himself, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.” *2 Timothy 2:20, 21*

Vessels of silver, vessels of gold,
Those that are new and those that are old,
Vessels of wood and vessels of clay --
So many vessels in cabinets stay.

Despite all the sorts of vessels there are,
There's only one way to tell them apart.
Let no other facet or feature confuse.
Is the vessel but ready for the Master to use?

When the Master prepares for the party at hand,
He'll look not at luster or pride in your stand.
Substance is far from His purpose of mind,
But those who are cleansed He searches to find.

No matter the riches or glory you've had,
Despite if in splendor you're gallantly clad,
No matter what deeds have once brought you fame,
The Master sees vessels for honor or shame.

So, when it is time and He opens that door,
Will He search all the cupboards and your vessel ignore?
Or have you prepared and purified too?
Will the Master be pleased? Can the Master use you?

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We were created to glorify God, to be “useful to the Master for every good work.” However, many of us waste our lives “on the shelf,” never preparing ourselves for His service.

