

## An Honorable, Sanctified Vessel

### I. Introduction: Are you profitable for the Master's use?

A. We have a foundation of God (**Ephesians 2:20-22**).

1. We are His building, built upon Jesus Christ (**I Corinthians 3:1-11**).
2. Therefore, our faith resides upon an unshakeable foundation (**Luke 6:46-49**). So, the foundation is not the problem.

B. Paul and Timothy spoke of themselves being earthen vessels used to transport the Gospel (**II Corinthians 4:1-7**).

1. Whether we look at ourselves in the imagery of a building or some other sort of vessel, we [Christians] belong to God and are expected to glorify Him (**I Corinthians 6:20**).
2. In being converted to Him, we chose to yield [to give ourselves] to be instruments of righteousness (**Romans 6:3-19**).

### II. Body: Being An Honorable, Sanctified Vessel (**II Timothy 2:19-21**).

A. First, being His house is conditional (**Hebrews 3:1-6**).

1. We are not His people just because we initially obeyed (**John 8:31-32**).
2. Choosing to depart from evil is choosing to do good (**Psalms 34:14** and **Psalms 37:27**).
3. We must continue in the faith (**Colossians 1:23**) not returning to our former sins (**Ephesians 4:17-22**).

B. In His great House (**Matthew 16:18** and **I Timothy 3:15**)...

1. ...We must be vessels to honor (**I Thessalonians 4:1-6**).
2. Through patient continuance in well-doing (**Romans 2:7-10**).
3. Not to dishonor (i.e. **Romans 2:23**).

C. Think about what it is to be sanctified [to make holy, that is, (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate: - hallow, be holy, sanctify (Strong's # 37)] (**I Corinthians 1:2**).

1. Through the truth (**John 17:17**).
2. By faith (**Acts 26:18**).
3. In Christ (**I Corinthians 1:30**).
4. After being washed (**I Corinthians 6:9-11**; cf. **Acts 22:16** and **Ephesians 5:25-26**).
5. One with He who has sanctified us (**Hebrews 2:11**).
6. Having an inheritance because we're sanctified (**Acts 20:32**).
7. Up to you to continue in (**Romans 6:22**). *\*Note: "holiness" in the KJV in the previous reference is from the Greek word "ἁγιασμός" often translated "sanctification"; defined as: "purification, that is, (the state) purity; concretely (by Hebraism) a purifier: - holiness, sanctification" (Strong's # 38).*

D. As sanctified [made holy; pure] people; we are to follow righteousness, faith, charity, and peace (**Hebrews 12:14**).

1. We have been called, by the Gospel (**II Thessalonians 2:14**), unto holiness (**I Thessalonians 4:7**).
2. We understand that our walk is a walk of faith (**II Corinthians 5:7**).
3. Not taking our salvation to come for granted (**Ezekiel 33:12-13** and **I Peter 4:17-19**).

III. Conclusion: Are you meet [profitable; i.e. **II Timothy 4:11**] for the Master's use (**Ephesians 2:8-10** and **Titus 3:14**)?