



Pullin' Weeds, Plantin' Seeds

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WHAT'S IN YOUR VESSEL?

August has arrived, and along with it, another opportunity to present a new study for our Ladies Meetings. I have given it great thought and spent time in prayer concerning this particular study. I believe God would have us to look into the above theme - WHAT'S IN YOUR VESSEL?

In our Bible, the words *vessel*; *vessels* are used 200 times. The words can refer to many different things - a wide variety of containers, ships, utensils, a man of quality.

In ACTS 9:15, the Lord refers to Paul as a "chosen vessel unto Me."

In 2 TIMOTHY 2:20-21, Paul refers to the kinds of vessels one will find in a "great house." There are "vessels of gold and of silver...wood and of earth...some to honour...some to dishonour."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 - But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Here in this section of Scripture, Paul tells us that we humans are merely clay vessels—a "jar of clay."

But it is what is inside this earthen vessel that gives it value. We are holding a precious treasure. At salvation the lost sinner becomes a new creation indwelt by the Holy Spirit to form and to fill this new creation with the life of Jesus Christ. Later in 2 Corinthians 4 Paul says, "...that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." Upon receiving Christ as Savior we become vessels to carry Him into the world so that He can be revealed to those around us. Read the following excerpt from Elisabeth Elliot carefully.

One thing I learned a long time ago is that we have to receive the life of Christ in ourselves before we can live it. We have to live it before we can give it to others. Receive. Live. Give. We are empty vessels willing and ready to be filled with the life of God. Cleaned out in the process, we

are poured out for others. Our lives illustrate what God is like much more by what we ARE and DO than by what we say. Even though Jesus may have become invisible to the eyes of people in the world, you and I are quite visible to them and to each other. In us, the world may in fact see God.*

***BE STILL MY SOUL p 7-10**

As I began looking at Scriptures concerning vessels, I also began to think about what is in my particular vessel. Since my vessel has such a tremendous responsibility to show Christ to the

world, it should be clean and filled with what actually shows Christ to the world. This may sound redundant to you, or perhaps too simplistic, but the fact is the world can only see Christ in those whom He has redeemed. So I was forced to ask myself, "Is my vessel clean enough for Him? What's in it that should not be there? Is He comfortable in this vessel?"

This will be the focus and purpose of our study for the next series of Ladies Meetings.

A vessel that is too full of the world cannot be useful to Christ. A vessel that is defiled by sin cannot be useful

to Christ. In order to be a useful vessel, I must recognize these facts and deal with them according to the Word of God.

We are vessels to be used by God, and we must keep ourselves from the defilement of the world and separate ourselves to God so that we can be useful to God. As we go through this series we will look into this more closely. For now, let me ask you, "What's in your vessel?" Are you clean and ready? What are you filled with right now?

CHARLES SPURGEON—A "vessel" is not a fountain, but only a container and holder of that which is poured into it. Such are the redeemed of God; they are not fountains by nature...they are simply receive-

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Memory Verse Challenge

The August memory verse challenge starts now! There will be no ladies meeting this month, so you may quote your verses to Crystal or Jodi at any service.

Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Psalm 37:1-3

Want to get a jump on September's challenge?

Psalm 37:4-6

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ers. At one time they are full of themselves, but grace empties them, and then as empty vessels they are set in the way of God's goodness; God fills them to the brim with His lovingkindness, and so they are proved to be the vessels of His Mercy.

ELISABETH ELLIOT—Like someone holding out a cup to be filled when a drink is offered, we need to put our hearts forward right when God offers to pour Himself into us for an assignment, large or small. We are best suited as Christ-bearers if we too have purposeful emptiness, a readiness to be filled. If we fill up on trivialities or anxieties, we won't have room in our hearts for Him.

Is your vessel purposefully emptied to be filled with the Holy Spirit and His fruit? Or is your vessel filled with anger, wrath, worry, anxiety, bitterness, fear, doubt, busyness, stress, and the other things Satan wants you to fill up on?

What's In Your Vessel? Our memory verse challenge for 2011-2012 will be found in Psalm 37.

I challenge you to take the time this month to read through this wonderful Psalm. We will be learning several verses from this passage of Scripture that will help us to fill our vessels with the things God wants to pour into us. As you read it through this month, see how many of those things you can find.

Due to my travel schedule in August, we will not have an August meeting - our first Ladies Meeting for this series is scheduled for Monday, September 19. But we will begin our Memory Verse Challenge this month - you will find it in this newsletter (in the column on the left). As you begin to memorize the verses in Psalm 37, take time to check out your vessel. We must clean out our vessels from time to time or it will become useless to the Master. Since we are earthen vessels that contain a valuable treasure, it behooves us to be sure that our vessels are clean and ready to be filled by our Lord. It's what inside that matters. What's In Your Vessel?

Mrs. Twila

IT'S A
BOY

Oliver Martin Salas

Born
Wednesday, June 29, 2011
at 10:18 p.m.

Measuring
8 lbs. 8 oz. 19 in.

Proud Parents
Juan & Valerie

Ecstatic Big Sister
Gemma

MISSIONS



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BE IN PRAYER FOR MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2011

NOVEMBER 16 – 20

Bruce & Sheila Carr – Australia
Currently on furlough

Kenton & Cynthia Connor – Rock of Ages
Current deputation travels – GA, TN, IL, IN

Derrick & Jamie P – Asia
Desire to raise 25% of support by October

Jeremy & Mandy P – Africa
Missionary Speaker at SSBYC; / Furlough

Joshua & Wendy P – Africa
Returning from recent survey trip



MISSIONARY LADY UPDATE SARAH LECLERCQ - GUAM

Paul just completed a second survey trip to Guam. While he was there, Sarah called him to tell him they were expecting their fourth child! The baby is due in December. If all goes well, the LeClercqs hope to leave for the field in early 2012. Please keep them in prayer.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's. *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

Ladies Ministering to Ladies Reminders

The ladies on 'notice' to provide meals
for the month of August:

Carol Renshaw & Rosemarie Richards

Carol Long & Ragan Lytton

Veda Long & Tammy Carr

Opportunity to Encourage

Send a note to encourage these ladies:

Mrs. Brylene Busenitz
4055 SE Sunflower Rd
El Dorado, KS 67042

Jeannine Lydick
615 S Alleghany
El Dorado, KS 67042

REMEMBER TO PRAY...



Our Jr. Campers are
at Silver State Baptist
Youth Camp in the
mountains of Colorado until August 4th. Pray the
Lord will work in their hearts and for safe travel as
they come home.

Ashleigh P	Jeremiah A	Zebedee S	Carol L
Ashley M	Josh L	Zoe V	Stephen J
Chaz R	Kaedra B	Pastor Jones	Steve C
Darrah D	Madison M	Mrs. Twila	Amber C
Emily K	Raef L	Bro. Todd	Makiah C
Erica L	Susana L	Mrs. Kim	Zackary C
Haley K	Tarynn B	Barry C	
Harley R	Tyler M	Rachel G	
Hunter V	Zac K	James S	



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