

“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” 2 Timothy 2:20-21 KJV



The modern day understanding of the word “meet” leans more towards “an encounter,” but the more obscure meaning is: Fit; suitable; proper; qualified; convenient; adapted; as to a use or purpose. God intends that each of His children be molded into “*vessels of honour*.” Today we think of vessels as flower vases, bowls, glasses, cups, pots, jugs, and etc. Would you drink water from a dishpan? No, because it isn’t “*meet*” for that purpose. By the same token you wouldn’t cook in a flower vase. As each vessel is “*meet*” for a particular use, so God is fitting each believer to a particular purpose. Now, you can put flowers in a drinking glass and you can drink water from a flower vase, but that is not their intended purpose and would look silly. Many believers have filled their lives with things God never intended for them to have and are not “*meet for the Master’s use*.” You could part a two by four with a hammer, but the result is useless. A saw is more precise in the effort. Pounding a nail with a saw would probably wreck it. Believers often become frustrated and despondent, because they attempt to do things that are not their intended purpose. “*All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to HIS PURPOSE.*” Careful study and obedience of God’s Word puts us in a position to be efficiently guided as the Master builds His Church. There’s an old saying: “Do something you like and you’ll never work a day.” Focus determines desire; if your desires are wrong, so is your focus. Your life can be full or it can be full-filled. Pleasure fills, but delight completes. Pleasure leaves you incomplete, but delight satisfies your soul! “*Delight thyself also in the LORD and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*” There are two kinds of desire; desires of the flesh which are never satisfied and desires of the heart which are only truly satisfied with God alone. Which are you attempting to satisfy? You may have a full life, but an empty soul!

The empty pleasures of the flesh,
Leave one despondent and depressed,
But those that love the LORD their God,
Will have “great peace” where e’er they trod. -CGP

You’ll either obey self or you will obey God: “*Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*” You can pursue pleasure or desire delight! You can pedal or coast. Your moving either way, but one way is weary and toilsome! “*There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*” Are you pedaling or coasting? Is your vessel “*meet for the Master’s use?*”

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great Love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His Grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the gift of God: NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast. For WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:4-10 KJV