

A Vessel of Honour

Honour, Gr. timē (tee-may') – of the highest value or degree. \$3X's, also translated "price"

Mark 11:20-26

And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God**. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. 25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Faith, Gr. pistis – conviction, persuasion, confidence, & assurance.

Have, Gr. echō - To own or possess; hold in one's charge or keeping

If you own something, you handle it different than if it is rented or belongs to someone else.

Ownership = outrage.

2 Timothy 2:1-5 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

2 Timothy 2:11-22

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 13 If

we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. 14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 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. 21 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**. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Four blessings of purging self:

1. A vessel of honor
2. Sanctification (note, Jn. 17:17)
 - (to separate from a profane to a sacred use; to consecrate self wholly to God and His service. The primary meaning is separation, not making holy. It means to make holy only when the person or thing sanctified needs to be cleansed from sin or defilement in order to be fit to be separated unto God and His service.
 - Already holy:
 - i. Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy (hagios (hag'-ee-os)- consecrated), acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
 - ii. 1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
3. Meet, Gr. euchrestos (Only here) - being helpful or beneficial, useful, serviceable.

- 2 Timothy 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.
 - Philemon 1:10-11 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: 11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:
4. Prepared unto every good work
- Prepared, hetoimázō (het-oy-mad'-zo) - to make the necessary preparations, get everything ready

What is required for these blessings?

To purge yourself... Purge is found in 2 places. Here and 1 Cor 5:7 regarding the purging of sin.

Purge, Gr. ekkathairō (ek-ka-thy-ro) - to cleanse thoroughly.

It is a translation of the technical Rabbinic term (בִּעַר תְּמֵךְ) meaning: "to purge out the leaven."

Paul uses this metaphor of the purging out of everything leavened prior to the passover to show that all heathen sins and abominations must be set aside if Christ, our passover Lamb, is to reign.

3 Examples of leaven used in Scripture:

1. Matthew 16:6,12 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. 12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
2. 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

- Galatians 5:7-10 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? 8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. 9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

*Trying to please others and not God. Others, who through trickery, put pressure on you to follow man-made ideas and traditions. They want your honour and your money.

How does leaven work as it is an example of sin which defiles the whole lump?

(Tea kettle, measuring cup, yeast, measuring spoon, sugar, thermometer.)

What happens if yeast is not activated?

If you don't see bubbles (active, bubbling bubbles) after ten minutes, the yeast is too old and won't rise the bread. If you're using instant yeast, it doesn't need to be proofed, it can just be added into the flour before adding any salt or liquid.

Salt by its nature **is** hygroscopic; that **is**, it attracts moisture. ... If there **is** an excess of **salt** in bread dough, the **yeast is** retarded to the point that there **is** a marked reduction in volume. If there **is** no **salt**, the **yeast will** ferment (*too*) quickly.

Dissolve 1 tsp sugar in 1/2 cup 110°F-115°F water. Add up to 3 packets of **yeast**

If you keep the circumstances from the ability for sin to “activate”, you will stay pure.

What are we to purge?

Seven things to purge self from:

- Affairs of this life (2Tim. 2:4)
- Backslidings (2Tim. 2:12)
- Unbelief (2Tim. 2:13)

4. False doctrines that destroy faith (2Tim. 2:14,18)
5. Profane and vain babblings that lead to ungodliness (2Tim. 2:16-17)
6. False teachers that overthrow faith (2Tim. 2:17-18)
7. All iniquity and dishonor (2Tim. 2:19-20)