

VESSELS UNTO HONOUR

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Text: 2 Timothy 2: 20-21



Well, let Somebody shout Hallelujah - Hallelujah!

Today, I have been asked to speak to us on a very, very important Topic - "VESSELS UNTO HONOUR".

2 Timothy 2:20-21: 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.

In every house, you have dustbin - That is where you drop refuse, leftovers; you have brooms that you used to sweep the ground and then you have cutleries; you have Drinking Glasses; you have Vessels that never come near the Master of the House and then you have Vessels that you can find on the Dinning Table of the Master.

One is called "Vessels Unto Honour"; the other is "Vessels Unto Dishonour" - But they are all Vessels. The Big Question this Morning is - What kind of Vessels will you like to be? The answer should be between you and God. And by the time I finished, you will Probably want to think again. Let us look at the Advantages of being a "Vessel Unto Honour" before we talk about what it will caused you to be a "Vessel Unto Honour".

Let us consider the advantages of the spoon, the fork, the Drinking Glass on the Dinning Table - Shall we say of the President?

I. One of the Advantages of being a Vessel Unto Honour is that the Master is constantly touching you. For Example, you are the spoon

in the Dinning Table of the Most High God, from time to time He touches you. And when God touches you, you get Strength that Human Beings cannot explain. In 1 Kings 18:46; the Bible says that God laid His Hands-on Elijah and he outran the Chariot of the King. He ran 6 Miles (approximately 10Km) faster than the Chariots drawn by the best Horses in the Land.

I. When God touches you, you suddenly get Strength that Nobody can explain.

II. When God touches you, you get your Strength Renewed in a manner that will embarrass others. Some years ago, I took some of my children on what you will call a "Whirlwind Tour" of South America. Today, we are in this Country - We arrive in the Morning, we hold a Crusade in the Evening, we returned home by 11pm and that is when we will break our Fast and we will get to bed around 1.00am. By 5.00am, I will Phoned them that it's time for Morning Prayer so that we can get on our way by 6.00am to beat the Traffic because we are going to another Country and we are going to repeat the whole Process.

All the People with me are Younger than me by at least 20 years decided that they will gang up against me - They all put their Phone on Flight and so when I was calling them by 5.00am, all the Phones were sounding engaged. I Pray for Somebody here today: God will lay His Hands on you - Amen! And that Strength that Nobody will be able to explain will become your Portion - Amen.

2. And there is something even more - And that is when the President or may be the Vice President, or Chief of Defense Staff or Inspector General of Police may be together to have a Lunch. The Cup is on the Table, everything they are discussing the Cup is hearing. When you are a Vessel unto Honour in the Hand of the Almighty God, you hear what is going on in Heavens! If you are a Vessel Unto Honour in the Hands of the Almighty God, you will hear conversations that other People don't hear. And some of these Conversations you can't even share. For Example, the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 12: 2-4 - It talks about a Man called Paul. It says that I know a Man - Whether in the body, it says I don't know; whether out of the body, I can't really tell. But I know a Man

who was taken to the Third Heavens and he heard words that cannot be spoken. When you become a Vessel Unto Honour in the Hands of God, you hear things - You don't belong to the Class of People who call themselves Prophets who Prophecy all kinds of Jokes - Thus saith the Lord, it is going to rain in June. June is a Rainy season, you don't need to Prophecy that. One Prophet in Nigeria was Propheying sometimes ago - 3 Nations are going to complete for Soccer. He said: Thus saith the Lord; if Nigeria will do this and that, they will win. I Laughed - If God is going to tell you the Winner, He will tell you the Winner - Period! No Guess Work! But when you are a Vessel Unto Honour, the Almighty God will tell you things that may a times you find it difficult to repeat!. When Coronavirus was coming, the Lord just said that the whole world will be on Holidays - And I told you then. How can the whole world be on Holiday? What will be happening? What is it that we will say that we are Celebrating? Until the Lockdown came and you find the Streets of London empty, Streets of New York empty et cetera et cetera.

Now, I am not a Prophet but by God's Grace I am a Vessel Unto Honour and I just want to tell Someone in Particular listening to me now or reading now. Thus saith the Lord, your Joy is about to begin (Amen).

3. When you are a Vessel Unto Honour - Because you are at the Dinning Table of the Most High God, constantly He breathes on you.

I. Because He is breathing and you are Present and Part of His Breath will be coming on you. In John 20: 21-23; the Bible tells us that when Jesus Christ came into the Room where the Apostles were gathered. He breathe on them and said: "Receive ye the Holy Spirit". II. When God breathes on you, things happen - It is as if the Holy Spirit come upon you suddenly.

For Example - In Judges 15: 14-15; the Bible says that the enemies saw Samson bound and then they began to rejoice. And suddenly, the Spirit of God came on Samson and all his Yokes were burnt as if by Fire. And then he got up, grabbed the Jawbone of Ass and he killed a thousand Men. I have Good News for Someone here today or reading now - Someone who wants to be a Vessel Unto Honour; God will breathe on you and all the yokes binding your hands so that you have not been succeeding the

way you ought to be, binding your legs so that you are not making the Progress that you should make. All these yokes will be broken today - Amen!*

4. But there is something even deeper still - I will just mention it and won't discuss it deeper because this is Sunday Service and not a Solemn Assembly. And this is that: If you are a Vessel Unto Honour; from time to time, God kisses you! You say: No, that cannot be Possible. In Numbers 12: 5-8; the Almighty God said that if I want to talk to a Prophet, I may show him a Dream or give him a Vision. But He said Moses is different - I talk to him (Moses) Mouth to Mouth. I thought that God would have said: I talked to Moses Mouth to Ear - You know when you want to whisper to Somebody and you don't want anybody to hear. You put your mouth near the ear and whisper. God says No!

I can't begin to tell you what happens when you get a kiss from God - I will leave that to the Holy Spirit to manifest that in the Life of Someone. I will Pray that Someone will get a kiss from the Almighty God today and then you come and tell us the results.

But I can tell you this much - If you have ever received a kiss from the Most High God; from that moment onwards, you rule by Decrees. Everything you say come to Pass!

I will remind you of a Story very quickly - This is the Story of one of my son who came and said that I want a Big Post, I have applied and I want you to speak a Word so that the Interview will go well. I was going to Pray but he said No, just speak a Word!

So, I spoke a Word - The Interview will go well. He went, prepared very hard, got to the Place of Interview and went to the Boardroom. When he got there, they asked him three (3) Questions: I. What is your name? And he told them. II. What do you say you want? He told them. III. Then they asked him - When can you start? So, he came rejoicing - Daddy, I got the job and I said Congratulations. He said No, speak another Word.

I said alright, I Pray that your Progress in that Place will be rapid - He say Amen. The following day, he came back Trembling - What happened? I reported for work and they sent me to the Boardroom, met the same People that were there the other day. And they said: Young Man, after you left our Managing Director resigned. Now, are you ready for the Post of the Managing Director? So, he came back the following day Trembling. I said Congratulations and he said speak another Word. I said alright, the God who started the Good Work in you will Perfect it and he said Amen. He got to the Place of work the following day, they asked him to go to the

Boardroom and he met same People there. And the People said: Young Man, we have discovered why our Managing Director resigned. It is because they have given him a Higher Pay somewhere else. Now, we don't want you to leave and so we Double your Salary.

And then he came back again and said: Daddy, speak another Word. I said: Do you want to take the Company from the Owner? I want to speak a Word to Somebody today or reading now - Everything that you deserved from God, you will get it today (Amen).

Now, you can't have all these benefits without Requirements! In the Bible Text that we read, it talks about the Vessels Unto Honour - Gold, Silver; unlike Wood and Mud.

Anyone who is going to be a Vessel Unto Honour in the Hands of God must be "Tough" - He must be Someone who can endure! I'm sure that is why they choose this Special Day when we are having the Military, Paramilitary and Police with us. In 2 Timothy 2:3; the Bible talks about enduring Hardness as a Good Soldier in Christ. I wanted to be a Soldier; it was my mother who didn't allow me.

When I told her that I wanted to join the Army after I Graduated, she said to me - You are my only son. I am not asking you not to join the Army, just wait till I die and you have buried me; then you can do whatever that you want. That was in the 1960's.

By the time she died in the 1990's, it was already too late for me to join the Army but I loved the Army. Because I loved the Army, I watched every films and everything that has to do with the Army. And I'm telling you that I saw what Change the Civilian to the "Iron Man" - You see them in beautiful dresses, they look nice. Maybe you should check what goes on from the day they enlist into the Military till the day they begin to Match in Ceremonial Dress, then you will know what is called Hardness; you will know what is called Endurance.

Somebody said something along that in 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 - Paul about it: if you want to be a Winner, you must endure "Rigorous Self Discipline"*

Like in 2 Corinthians 11 23 - One of the things mentioned is Fasting often. You want to be a Vessel Unto Honour in the Hand of God, you will love Fasting more than you love food! There are certain things every Vessels Unto Honour has in Common with others - Something you will find Present in every Soldiers, every Paramilitary Officers and every Police Officers:

1. Instant Obedience. Jesus Christ made it clear - You want to be a Vessel Unto Honour; fine John 15:14: You are my friends if you do

whatsoever I Command you.

A Vessel Unto Honour obeys first - If you have any complain, you can complain later. That is if the complaint is allowed. Those of you who are Officers; do you know that when your Senior Officer gives you a Command and you feel you should give a word; then you have to get Permission - You will say: Permission to speak sir. And if that Senior Officer says: Permission Denied, that is the end of the Story. And if there is anything that is lacking in the Life of any Christian - Why they are not Vessels Unto Honour; it is they don't know how to obey! For Example: The Lord gave us a Command at the beginning of the Year - He says that the Church must Double every three (3) Months. It is not an advice, it is a Command. And that Command I want to put it in a more pleasant way for you - Everyone of us especially Members of The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) in Particular; from this moment onwards, every Month you must win a Soul. It is an Order and not an Appeal. It is an Order from our Commander-In-Chief. ... And you want to be a Vessel unto Honour, the first thing is Obedience! And when God says: "Do" you do; "Don't", you don't. Why? - God knows the Future more than you do; He knows what is best for you. And at times, God will give you a Command that is "Completely Unreasonable". But don't forget that He is the All-knowing God. When I was Preparing this Sermon, I remembered an occasion that I went home on Holidays to my Village. And when I got to the Village, in my own house; they Prepared Pounded Yam for me with a very Good "Combination Okro" Soup with Bush Meat. And I was not Fasting. So, I Prayed - God bless this food. And I heard from God: Son, don't eat! I knew His Voice and so I can't Pretend that I didn't know who was speaking to me but I Pretended. What could be wrong? This food is Prepared in my home, by my People, my best Meal, I'm on Holidays I'm not Fasting.

You know that God doesn't repeat Himself when dealing with Vessels Unto Honour.

I ate and as soon as I finished eating, a Messenger came from my Elder Sister - You are wanted urgently. Your Elder Sister is dying, we heard that you are in Town and so come. I followed them, got to my Elder Sister and I saw her covered from Head to Toe with Chicken Pox. Oh, you don't face Chicken Pox with a belly full of Pounded Yam!

I ran to the back of the house, put my hand into my throat and vomited the food and then came back to face the devil. And God said that I warned you! Is there anyone here today or reading now - who will say: God from now on, I will obey you?