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## **Spiritual Chamber Pots**

Chamber pots were vessels used as inside toilets before modern plumbing was available. These vessels spared the user from making a trip to the outside latrine. Such vessels served a distinct purpose and were very different than the vessels used for dinnerware. The dinnerware would be cleaned and stored in the food preparation area while the chamber pots would be stored with the other “less honorable” vessels.

Paul uses the example of these different vessels when he explains the need for the people of God to be separated from the workers of iniquity. He said, *“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.”* II Timothy 2:20-21.

The “*vessels unto honor*” which Paul speaks of, are those Christ has washed from sin. The “*vessels unto dishonor*” are those who, although religious, still walk in sin and darkness. Their hearts harbor such things as pornography, adultery, covetousness, and deception. They may be the ministers Paul warned of who “*speak lies in*

*hypocrisy*” I Timothy 4:2 to manipulate God’s people, or false prophets who *“with feigned (fictitious) words make merchandise of you.”* II Peter 2:3. All such things have been washed from the *“vessels unto honor”* by the precious blood of Christ.

A child of God is not an unclean vessel. They are the *“cups and platters”* Jesus spoke of Matthew 23:25-26 which have been washed from the defilement of sin. This message of washing the believer fills the pages of the Bible. When Paul spoke of unrighteous types of people who *“shall not inherit the kingdom of God,”* he reminds the saints *“And **such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**”* I Corinthians 6:9-11. The word of God tells us that Christ’s blood was shed to *“purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”* Hebrews 9:14. Purge means to purify. Those whom Christ has purified are then encouraged to draw near to God *“having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”* Hebrews 10:22. We all were once unclean vessels, but the pollution of sin has been washed from our hearts by faith in Jesus Christ. As the scripture says, *“...we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* Hebrews 10:10.

When I hear a minister tell the saints that “We are all sinners and sin every day,” I consider that he or she must be very confused. They seem to forget that the people of God are *“vessels of honor”* and not chamber pots. I mean, it is normal for a chamber pot to have a bit of “dung” in it, but

why would that ever be found in a drinking glass? Some may say, "Well, we all get a little dust on us sometime." That may be true, but pornography, adultery, manipulation, greed, and such things are not dust. It is the dung of Satan, and God will never pour "*living water*" into a vessel that contains such things.

Paul instructed the "*vessels of honor*" to purge themselves from the "*vessels of dishonor*." You cannot fellowship in a nightclub where reveling, lusts, greed, and lies abound. Neither can you fellowship in a church where the same things are excused or spiritualized. Christian unity is not the same as fellowshiping darkness. God gave an eternal call to his people, saying, "*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.*" II Corinthians 6:17.

When Christ took away your sin, he did not leave a little "devil's dung" in you. He washed you completely. I've heard ministers who tell of the profanity of their own mouth, the immorality of their heart, and the covetousness of their spirit. Then they assure you that you are the same as they. Forgive my plainness of speech, but such ministers are nothing more than hirelings in a spiritual latrine, and they are trying to keep you there also. But, if you are a vessel of honor, it is not where you belong. You are not a chamber pot!