

Raising Children Is Like Pottery

"... And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make... can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand..." (Jeremiah 18:6 NKJV)

In Jeremiah 18:1-6 we read about Jeremiah's visit to the potter's house. It is one of the most comforting stories I have read. We and our children often need restarts in our relationships and in our journey of life.

The battle is truly about what our children are becoming and not about God's love for them. God is doing a work of destiny in us to make us into honourable vessels. (2Timothy 2:20-21)

As clay on its own amounts to nothing, but is worth so much in the hand on a potter, so are our children in the hand of the Almighty God. The clay is safe in the hand of the potter.

Our children are like clay on the potter's wheel, guarded and guided by the masterful hands of God whose feet also dictates how fast the wheel spins and when it stops!

It is so comforting that the Lord Himself is in charge and not the enemy. If Satan was in-charge he will in no time spin them off the wheel to their demise. He is always excited at every opportunity to abort the destiny of children. Choose you this day into whose hands you will commit your children!

Raising children is like pottery. It is usually a dirty job, but out of that mess comes a beauty that is fit for the Kings palace. It can also be a frustrating business with so many stops and restarts using the same material. When we don't get the desired result with our children, we don't through them away and go shopping on the internet for another. We simply evaluate what has happened and make a new start. We give them new opportunities praying and hoping they don't dry out in our hands. If they do, we can bring them to the Fountain of Living Water! As long as they live, we should never give up on them.

Let us yield our children to the Masterful craftsmanship of God. He is doing a great job in their lives and His thoughts towards them are always good (Jeremiah 29:11). He will turn your tears into joy.

The Lord reigns!!!