

## Earthen Vessels

*We have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. (2 Corinthians 4:7-9, NASB)*

*There was given me a thorn in the flesh...I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10, NASB)*

Servant of God,  
do you want your Lord to use you  
heart, soul, mind, and body in His service?  
Do you long for Him to glorify Himself through you?

Realize that He will use all of you –  
not just your strengths,  
but your weaknesses,  
not just your successes,  
but your failures,  
not just your talents,  
but your glaring inadequacies,  
not just your gains,  
but your losses,  
not just your joys,  
but your griefs,  
not just your health,  
but your sickness and suffering,  
not just your wholeness,  
but your brokenness,  
not just your blessings,  
but all the injustice and abuse you suffer.

He will show everyone that you are only an earthen vessel  
so that the needy glorify,  
not you,  
but Him.

Hymn: [Glorify Your Name](#)