

Grace Must Change Us

by C.H. Spurgeon

To be a useful vessel for God, we must allow His grace to change us, making us into silver or golden vessels that honor Him.

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that grace must transform us into valuable vessels for God's use, comparing us to silver and gold that withstands trials, unlike wooden or earthen vessels that are easily damaged or broken. He warns that nominal Christians are susceptible to being led astray by false teachings, which can ruin their character and faith. Spurgeon reflects on the sad reality of those who once appeared strong but succumbed to temptation, becoming like broken pots outside the house of Christ. The sermon calls for a deep, transformative grace that equips believers to endure challenges and serve honorably in the church.

Transcript

...grace must make us into silver or into golden vessels, or the Master cannot himself use us, nor can our use in the church ever be to honor. The wooden vessels in the church are very easily hacked and carved and spoiled; if a man be inclined to mischief he can put his knife to them and can cut great notches in them, ruin their character, and render them worthless. Cunning teachers can soon take away from merely nominal Christians what they professed to believe, for they are very readily cut and hacked by those who play at such games. As for the earthen vessels, how soon they are broken.

Outside of any great house there are the remains of many broken pots, which fell to the ground and went to pieces; and, I am sorry to say, we also can find enough of such relics to sadden us all. There were some in this house once who were comely to look upon, but there came a temptation and brushed them from the table, and they were shivered in a moment. Others of precious metal have endured far more shocks and tests of a severer kind, but these being only of earth were broken at once. Heaps of crockery accumulate outside every great house, and certainly outside the great house of Christ.

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