

## The Potters Wheel

### Jeremiah 18:1-4

1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying: 2 "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. 4 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. NKJV

- Have you ever felt like a lump of clay?
- It's OK
- Jump back on the wheel
- Let the Lord start over

### Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. NKJV

### 1 Thessalonians 4:4

4 Each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor. NKJV

### 2 Corinthians 4:7

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. NIV

- It is Him working in me – Truth – Freedom
- Not me working on me or me working for Him
- That's self righteousness – the law – Promotes pride



When we are not submitted to the work of the Holy Spirit (potter) in our lives we live a religious life – based on our own merits and our own foundation

When we live this way we give place to the carnal nature

When we do we bear fruit of the flesh – we become judgmental, proud and establish our own righteousness which is built on lies and falsehood

When we abide He prunes us – The tree can't tell what to prune

### Galatians 5:1

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. NKJV

### Galatians 5:4 NKJV

4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

- Failing to embrace grace will bring us under bondage to the law – imposing it on others as well

### Proverbs 6:16-19 NLT

16 There are six things the LORD hates — no, seven things he detests:

- Haughty eyes (Proud) – Religious – Judgmental
- A lying tongue
- Hands that kill the innocent – Hate
- A heart that plots evil – Rebellion
- Feet that race to do wrong – Rebellion
- A false witness who pours out lies
- A person who sows discord among brothers



## Haughty eyes – Proud look

### Luke 11:37-38

37 And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat. 38 When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner. NKJV

- If Jesus where to visit us would He amaze us?
- Would He act the way we think
- Would He participate in our religious activity?
- Would the things we think important, matter to Him?

### Luke 11:39-40

39 Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. 40 Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? NKJV

- Am I living a careful (guarded) life?
- Only allowing certain people in?
- Always wearing my best face?
- Am I willing to be a Christian?
- Or am I content to look like one?
- What am I trying to prove?

### Luke 11:42

42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. NKJV

- Am I passionate for God and people?
- Does my heart hurt for the lost?
- Or just content to keep my Law?



### Luke 11:43-44

43 Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. 44 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them." NKJV

- Who am I trying to fool?

### 2 Timothy 2:20-21

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. 21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. NKJV

- Am I gold and silver?
- Am I wood and clay?
- Am I willing to live a life of honor?
- Am I ready to be used?
- Grace is for serving others – Galatians 5:13

### 2 Timothy 2:19

19 But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "Those who claim they belong to the Lord must turn away from all wickedness." NLT

It's not about doing it's about knowing

### John 17:3 NKJV

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

- Encounters with God change us forever



## Luke 12:1-2

1 In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2 For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. NKJV

- All it takes is a little yeast
- Hypocrisy and pride will never produce freedom!
- What are my deep, dark secrets?
- Secrets will keep us from the secret place
- When life flows from the secret place there is no need for secrets

## Daniel 5:1-4

1 **Belshazzar** the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand. 2 While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which had been in Jerusalem that the **king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines** might drink from them. 3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been **taken from the temple** of the house of God which had been in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone. NKJV

- Have I counted the riches of His Grace common?
- Do I live in a way that honors the Lord?
- Have I counted the "Grace" of God as nothing
- Am I caught in idolatry and pride?



### Daniel 5:5-6

5 In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other. NKJV

- It's time for a wake up call

### Daniel 5:26-28

26 This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; 27 TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; 28 PERES: **Your kingdom** has been **divided**, and given to the Medes and Persians." NKJV

- Am I honoring myself and not God?
- Am I living for my own interests and gain?
- Am I divided between the world and the Lord?
- Am I worshipping a false god – an Idol?

### A Lying Tongue

#### Ephesians 4:25

25 So put away all falsehood and "tell your neighbor the truth" because we belong to each other. NLT

- Lying is a problem – if its not the truth it's a lie
- Lying has become the norm in everyday interaction with others
- Average person lies 12 times a day
- We lie to control a situation
- When we try to control it's a sure sign we don't trust the Lord



Lying isn't profitable  
We do more than lie to others  
We lie to ourselves – We lie to God  
Lies are destructive – they hurt us as well as others  
Lying to others destroys our credibility  
Lying to ourselves destroys our confidence  
Lying to God destroys our courage

Don't play games with the truth

Work at learning the truth

**John 8:31-32**

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And **you shall know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free." NKJV

Value the truth

**John 17:17**

17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. NKJV

Embrace the truth

**Psalms 51:6 NKJV**

6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,  
And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

- Honesty on the inside
- You can't lie to God
- You shouldn't lie to yourself



Work at speaking the truth

**Psalm 15:2**

2 Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right,  
speaking the truth from sincere hearts. NLT

- We need to be conscious of the truth
- What am I saying?

**Ephesians 4:25-27**

25 So put away all falsehood and "tell your neighbor the truth" because we belong to each other. 26 And "don't sin by letting anger gain control over you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 for anger gives a mighty foothold to the Devil. NLT

- If we tell the truth sin won't control us
- Building a life on lies will produce anger
- Anger will give a stronghold to the Devil

**Philippians 2:13**

13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. NKJV

When we are honest with God and others He starts to work in our lives because truth brings freedom

Not acknowledging the truth is a lie  
A life built on lies will bring destruction

The truth is, apart from Him we can do nothing, but when we are "in Him" there is nothing He can't do