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Transforming Power Of God

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When I was in high school, one of the classes I took was an elective class in ceramics. It was a fun class as we squeezed and rolled the wet gray clay in our hands. Most of us made simple things like an ashtray or a small bowl. But a few of the students were quite artistic and they turned out some nice looking vases and cups, among other things. As we rolled, smoothed and molded the clay, we began to see the wet clay being transformed into a shape of what we wanted to make.

We then had the opportunity to put our lump of clay on the pottery wheel. As the clay spun around and around, we would be able to smooth and reshape the clay into a more perfect bowl or vase.

When we finished our project, the clay was then put into a hot oven to sort of "cook" the clay to hardness. Afterwards when it cooled down, we then began to paint our newly formed bowl and cover it with a layer of clear glaze, which was then put into another hot oven to bake the paint and glaze to the bowl. At last it was finished and we polished our transformed lump of clay that now looked like a bowl. Needless to say, I wasn't very good at this and most of what

I made either cracked or had too much paint. However a few students were like master pottery makers. They transformed that lump of clay into a beautiful vase or a fancy cup. The class taught me that, in the right hands, we were able to transform a lump of gray clay into something beautiful.

It is the same way with God. He wants to transform your lives from what you are now into something He wants you to become. The bible tells us, **"You O Lord are our Father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are the work of your hands."** (Isaiah 64:7)

In order for your life to be transformed by God, you first have to be willing to be put on the potter's wheel where you will be reformed by the master potter (God). In His hands, you will be changing your attitude as He smoothes out all the impurities in your life. If you are an impatient person, this is the time when God will be teaching you how to be more patient with other people or in other areas in your life; like being stuck in a traffic jam and being in the lane that doesn't seem to move as fast as the other lane next to you.



Your life may not change overnight. It may take weeks or even months for God to transform you, but be assured that you will change. Just like the clay that didn't change from a lump of gray clay to a vase overnight. It took time and also some trials and tribulations, and then it had to be put into the fire to retain its new form and then again to become the finished item.

When you think you can't stand it any longer and want to quit or go back to what you were before, think of it as if God is saying, **"I'm not finished with you yet!"** So you can expect some difficulties in your life as God continues to transform your life. Compare it as being put through the fire like steel being hardened. It is only then that you will become what God wants you to become. You will be surprised when you see the transformation that has taken place in you.

Years ago when I made the personal decision to ask God to change my life and was born-again, I was involved in the Charismatic Renewal and going to weekly prayer meetings. I began telling everyone I knew about my new formed life, including a business associate that I saw quite often. He was a traditional Episcopal Christian and was skeptical of the "holy roller" meetings I was attending. We often went to lunch during the week and much to my surprise, he always seemed to be the one to ask about the Charismatic prayer meetings I was attending.

One day I got a call from him that he was stopping by to see me before I went home for the day. When he arrived, he told me that he had made a decision to accept Jesus into his life, and that he was "born-again". He also told me that he had known me before I became involved in the Charismatic Renewal, knowing what kind of a person I was. He said that he saw how much I had changed from what I used to be to what I had become. Now he wanted the same for himself. He told me, "If God can do that for you then maybe He can do the same for me." That day he made a decision to change his life and have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Needless to say I was overjoyed to hear of his decision. I was unaware at the time that I had changed at all. I thought that I was still the same as before, except now I was talking more about God and the Holy Spirit. I also knew that sometimes people would shy away from me whenever I started mentioning God and the bible. I tried

being more considerate of other people who didn't want to hear about "religion", even though I wasn't talking about religion; I was talking about Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

I have come to believe that God had been using this time to transform me to what He wanted me to become. It was a changing time for me and I believe that God still has me on His Potter's wheel. He continues to transform and smooth out all the impurities in my life. There are many times that I want to get off the wheel and think that I would be better off where I used to be. But it seems that God has a different plan, and He continues to keep me on His wheel. I can hear Him saying to me **"I'm not finished with you yet!"**

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TRANSFORMATION

The first step in receiving a transformation by God is to admit that you need a change in your life. You may be experiencing a void in your daily routine, or maybe - dryness in your spiritual life. You may be having difficulty in finding time to be alone with God or finding time to read the bible. These are good signs that a change is needed in your life, and it's time for you to get on the Master's Potter Wheel!

At first it will seem difficult to stay in this situation as God begins to reshape and remold you as to what He wants you to become. There will be times

when you will want to return to where you were before, but listen to God as He tells you, ***"I'm not finished with you yet"***.

God is remolding your life as He continues to take out ALL the impurities in your life. He is filling in ALL the cracks that have appeared over the years. This procedure may take weeks or even months as God continues to change you. So be patient, God knows what He is doing.

When the time is right, He will place you in His furnace so that He can confirm on you the Fire of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit! Only after you have gone through God's fire will you be ready to become one of God's prize possessions. Now when other people see you, they will not be seeing you, but they will see the power and glory of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit in you. And will want what you have.

ARE YOU READY

Are you ready to jump upon the Potter's wheel and begin to let God transform you from what you are to what He wants you to become? This is your golden opportunity to say **"YES LORD, CHANGE ME!"**

You will be surprised of what God can do when you are willing to let God transform you. You may not see or recognize the changes that will take place, but you can be sure that other people will notice it. And what they notice will make them want the same for themselves. What they see will be the **TRANSFORMING POWER OF GOD!**

PRAISE THE LORD!

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**New Life CRM
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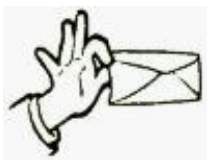
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Thursday Dec 29, --- 7:30 PM
NOTE: There will be NO meeting in November. It is Thanksgiving Day

**St Albert's Catholic Church
3200 - East 29 St. Minneapolis**

Everyone is encouraged to attend the monthly gathering of all Charismatic Christians in the Twin Cities Area. This is also a great opportunity to invite others to attend a Charismatic gathering for the first time to "come and see" **the transforming power of God.**

If you would like to be a part of this ongoing ministry as a musician, usher, helper, or with refreshments after the meeting, please call:

Mark at 612-282-9896 or

Vince at 612-243-9411

Join us on the LAST THURSDAY of the month as we come together in prayer and praise and ask God to restore and renew us as

"ONE BODY IN CHRIST"



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A New Song

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