

# “TREASURE IN A CLAY JAR”

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## Still Searching For A Heart Of GOLD?

What is the ‘Ideal’ Marriage Relationship For Me? Not For Another...

So Many ‘Individualists’ in The Church These Days. (Some in bed together, ‘till we Marry?????’) (Heb 13:4).

So Safely, We Imagine Our ‘Ideal Relationship’. And Every ‘Potential’ Must Measure Up To It.

There Can Be No Runners Up. Only ‘Mister Right’, And ‘Ms 10’.

There Can Be No “Safe Date” We Only Address The Opposite Sex, In The Context Of A Potential Marriage Partner.....

Have We Become To Old To Be Wisely Adventurousome With Others?

We Don’t Ask, Would You Like To Walk With Me, As Sister And Brother, As Friend With Friend?

Amos 3:3 “Can Two Walk Together, Unless They Are Agreed?”

Instead of, ‘If You Are Already Sure You Would Want To Marry Me, Only Then Will I Spend Any Time With You’.

We Imagine That True Relationship Between A Man And A Woman Is Instant Divine Magic.

“Love at First Sight!” WOW!

We don’t always consider, that A Simple Friendship might develop into a Loving Relationship. After all, doesn’t everyone Marry Their ‘Best’ Friend ?

We Don’t Understand, That The Perfect Spouse For My close Friend, Ann, Would Never Be The Perfect Spouse For Me.

We Must Consider Everybody As Unique. What Worked For Other Couples, Probably Won’t Work For Me, And My Complicated Personality.

We Must Be Enlightened To See, That “The Treasure Is In A Clay Jar” (2 Cor 4:7). “But we have This Treasure in Earthen Vessels, that the Excellency

Of The Power MAY BE OF GOD, Not Of Ourselves.” (ostrakinos— from ostrakon = Oyster (shell).

Look For The Pearl So Beautiful Inside!

Why do we often see ourselves as Empty, With Nothing To Share With A Friend or Spouse?

It’s Not The Heart Of Cold Gold, That We Really Desire, But A Warm Heart, With GOD Inside. A Tender, Soft Heart that is Pliable, Moldable, Flexible, Changeable, Expandable, And Include-Able. (1 Pet 3:7 Value feminine).

We Look, Not Only For The Spiritual, but also for The Emotional. We look for Mind, Will and Emotion. This is ‘The Individual Soul’ Being Lovingly Saved, And Precious To Creator.

GOD is not Only Interested in Our Spirit, it is our Soul that is A Irreplaceable One of it’s Kind. (See Gen 2:7).

“And The LORD God formed Man of the dust of the ground, and Breathed into his nostrils The Breath Of Life, and Man became a living Soul.”

No matter how Perfectly Beautiful or Handsome Adam’s body, The Soul was not born till “The Breath Of Life”.

It’s easy, as Men and Women, to be ‘Body Conscious’ as if that was the Most Important Part Of A Potential Girl/Guy Friend, or Spouse.

(And it is Very Selfish To Exercise flesh Desire Of The Lower Nature, To Lay With, And To Violate A Woman. We see this in Genesis 34. “get me this young woman as a wife” (this man was Shechem, evil and vile all the way down the future of his family history). Women Fear This In Men, And Many



Assume That Most Men Are Selfish, Desiring only The Physical Connection.

And Some Assume That Soul Attraction Can’t Be Spirit Inspired. That Only The Spirit Is Godly. The Truth Is That It Is The Soul Of Man That Is Being ‘Restored’ and ‘Led in Paths Of Righteousness’ by The LORD. —(Psalm 23:3).

GOD Does Not Divide Man Into Pieces. There’s the spirit, there’s the soul and there’s the body, Nicely Separated. Yet Spirit, Self and Flesh Is Distinguished By THE WORD. Man Is Called “Whole”. “Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.”

Now may the God of Peace Himself Sanctify You Completely; and may Your Whole spirit, soul and body be Preserved Blameless at the Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

He who Calls You is Faithful, Who Also Will Do It” 1 Thess 5:21-24.

Do we Trust God to continue making us Whole? Making Other’s Whole as well?

Some Aspects Of Personal Wholeness May Not Come Till Espoused / Married.

While Every Single Man And Every Single Woman, Look For Human Perfection, We Simply Overlook “People In The Potter’s Hand” being Formed and Transformed. Some might say—

“She’s a work in process!”

Or “He’s got issues and rough edges!”

Dealing With Your Little Things: It’s “The Little Foxes” That Could Spoil The Fruitful Vine, later on. (Song 2:15).

FINALLY:

Look For The Good In Others. (Matt 12:35 13:52). Treasures, old & New.

Those we think less honorable. 1 Cor 12:23 Every Good & Perfect Gift. (Jas 1:17).

Think On These Good Things! Phil 4:8

Frail Vessels, But Full Of Spiritual Wealth!