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**Theme:** Lumps of Clay

**Scripture:** Isaiah 64:8

*“Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.”*

**A Thought:** This essay all started by my constant humming of a favorite worship song... *“Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true, Change my heart oh God, May I be like You.”* Really? Are we willing to have God mold and shape us without committing oneself to Him. Truth be told we do have a proclivity toward stubbornness. It is important to note that we are to put it bluntly lumps of clay. Only in the hands of the Potter will the clay be shaped even when our respective lives are teetering on the edge. Realizing our current circumstances the process will not be easy as we all can attest to. If our faith is intact and have a humble frame of mind the Potter our Lord will not forget us as stated in (Psalm 40:2) *“He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and the mire, and he set my feet on a rock, and gave me a firm place to stand.”* The enormity of the Psalm should give us comfort. However gents...we must be obedient to His calling. It is God’s molding through grace as Paul reminds us in (Ephesians 2:8-9) *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9) not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

Now....what are your thoughts? Write them down.

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**Talk to yourself:**

- Is it difficult for you to surrender completely to the Lord?
- Do you understand the significance of Isaiah 64:8?
- What have you learned from the worship song “Change my heart oh God?”

**Scriptures to read:**

- Genesis 1:26-27; Job 10:8,9; Job 33:6; Psalms 119:105; Isaiah 45:9;
- Isaiah 55:8-9; Jeremiah 18:1-6; Romans 9:20-21; 2 Corinthians 4:7;
- 2 Timothy 2:21-22;

**Quote:** • Quote: Thomas Hobbes, English Philosopher

*“Shall the work say to the workman, why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay; of the same stuff to make one vessel to honor, another to dishonor?”*

Dictionary.com (quotes)

**Bottom Line:** *“Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true, Change my heart oh God, May I be like you.”* The lyrics tell us that we must be transformed once we have accepted the Lord into our hearts. It does not happen by osmosis. We must open our hearts to Him...not easy for some but it has to be. Even Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles readily recognized that we are just lumps of clay, and God may make us into whatever He wills. (Romans 9:21) *“Does not the Potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?”* What should be our attitude? We must surrender to the Potter. He will shape us day by day into the image of his Son. Hence, Lord *“You are the potter, I am the clay, Mold me and make me, This is what I pray;”*

**NOW.....THAT’S THE BOTTOM LINE.**

Spiritual Dabbler,

Your bro, Ray

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