

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

A few years back, my wife and I ate at a restaurant that came highly recommended. The ambiance was wonderful. We ordered our food, but when the food came, there was a problem. Not only was my wife's plate dirty, but there was something crawling on it, and it wasn't a part of what we ordered! Needless to say, that ended the evening, and we were out of there!

You may be repulsed by that story, but it is sort of a picture of some of our lives. Sometimes we come highly recommended, too, and we look so good outwardly, but I wonder if we really are the clean vessels we need to be. We are God's dish that He uses to serve others. God serves others through our lives.

In 2 Timothy chapter 2, verses 20 and 21, this powerful picture is given to us: “Now in a large house, there are not only gold and silver vessels but also vessels of wood and earthenware, some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.”

So, where are you today? Are you really a clean vessel, a clean dish? I didn't say perfect; I said clean—where your sins have been confessed, your heart has been purified so that God can set you apart. The text says, “Sanctified.” This literally means to be set apart, fit for His use. We want God to be honored through what we say and what we do. We don't want His message discredited because people see the obvious dirt in our lives.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Are you a clean, honorable vessel? You can be. Take your sins to Him. Confess them. Experience His cleansing, and then serve others.