

# God is 'great potter'; we need to let him mold us

Doing your own thing is popular today. Many would say it's an admirable thing to set trends, to steer your own course in life, to be a groundbreaker, to be too independent to listen to anyone else.



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• use it or lose it

But there is someone we should listen to; He speaks to us through His written word, the Bible.

Isaiah 64:8 says, "And now, O God, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are our Potter; and all of us are the work of your hand."

A potter works with clay while it is wet — it is bendable, moldable, can be pulled, pushed and shaped. What happens if a potter tries to change the shape of one that is hard-

ened into place? Psalm 2:9 says, "You will break them with an iron scepter, as though a potter's vessel you will dash them to pieces."

For now, we have the opportunity to be gently shaped into a fine vessel by reading and applying God's word, but the time will come for hardened, unmoldable

vessels to be dashed to pieces.

The apostle Paul told Christians in his day they have no right to talk back to God. His words are recorded at Romans 9:19-21: "You will

therefore say to me: 'Why does he yet find fault? For who has withstood his express will?' O man, who, then, really are you to be answering back to God? Shall the thing molded say to him that molded it, 'Why did you make me this way?' What? Does not the potter have authority over the clay to make from the same lump one vessel for an honorable

use, another for a dishonorable use?"

We all come from the same lump — we can allow God to mold us into an honorable vessel or we can become dishonorable.

We can't, however, choose a course against God's will and be honorable. We should appreciate that He wants to shape us for something better.

If we tend to be stubborn, we are not alone. It took 10 plagues to convince the Pharaoh of Egypt to let the Israelites leave, so they could serve God. And then he went after them with his army and was destroyed in the Red Sea.

In the prophet Jeremiah's day,

God's people wanted to go back to Egypt. Jeremiah took them a message from God warning them of the consequences of disobeying him; they tore it up and threw the prophet in a cistern. God told them no matter where they went, the sword and pestilence would follow them. They went to Egypt, and His word proved true.

Do we wait for God to prove us wrong and then keep resisting Him?

When we read God's counsel in His word and realize we don't measure up, do we respond as David did at 2 Samuel 12:13, 14 or as King Ahab did at 1 Kings 20:43?

Are we only sad to be caught or

are we sad to have disappointed our Heavenly Father?

God used His active force, holy spirit, to form spirit creatures, the universe, the earth and everything on it. He is the Great Potter. But His works were to remain moldable by Him. Some didn't.

Eve listened to the serpent that told her she could decide for herself what is good and bad.

She said, "Mold me no more; I can take it from here."

When she offered the fruit to Adam, he said the same.

Do we let God use His holy spirit and His word to mold us? Or do we stubbornly said, "You made me; I can take it from here?"

## matters of record

### Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Mark Scheopner to Martina Urban, Lots 29 and 30, Block 8, C.K.&N. Addition to the City of Goodland.

Franklin Credit Management Corporation to Brandon Van Vleet, Lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 21, Third Addition to the City of Goodland.

John H. Golden and Marcia L. Golden, trustees of John H. Golden Trust name change to John Hollister Golden Trust, N72' Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 8, First Addition to the City of Goodland with a utility easement; S68' Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 8, First Addition to the City of Goodland with a utility easement; Lots 1, 2, 3 and E/2 Lot 4, Block 7, First Addition to the City of Goodland; NE/4 and portion of SE/4 which lies north of Mid-States Port Authority Railroad Right-of-Way across SE/4 Sec. 24, T8S R40W; SE/4 Sec. 23, T10S R42W; SW/4 Sec. 23, T10S R42W; SE/4 Sec. 23, T10S R42W; a tract SW/4 Sec. 19, T8S R39W; a tract SE/4 Sec. 19, T8S R39W; NE/4 Sec. 26, T10S R40W; Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,

11 and 12, Block 1, Sunset Addition of the City of Goodland; Lots 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 2, Sunset Addition of the City of Goodland; Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Block 7, First Addition to the Town of Goodland; Lots 3 and 4, Block 10, Subdivision of First Addition to the City of Goodland; an undivided one-half interest N/2 Sec. 26, T10S R40W; an undivided one-half interest N/2 Sec. 34, T6S R41W; an undivided one-half interest W/2 Sec. 9, T7S R41W; an undivided one-half interest W/2 Sec. 10, T7S R41W; an undivided one-half interest NW/4 Sec. 16, T7S R41W; an undivided one-half interest NW/4 Sec. 15, T7S R41W; an undivided one-half interest SW/4 Sec. 6, T8S R38W; an undivided one-half interest S/2 Sec. 32, T8S R37W; an undivided one-half interest NE/4 Sec. 3, T10S R42W; an undivided one-half interest Sec. 12, T10S R42W; an undivided one-half interest NE/4 and W/2 Sec. 16, T10S R42W; an undivided one-half interest SE/4 Sec. 22, T10S R42W; an undivided one-half interest SE/4 Sec. 10, T10S R37W; and an undivided one-half interest S/2SW/4 Sec. 24, T8S R40W.

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Sacrament Meeting: 10 am  
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**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
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Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am  
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Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 10:50 am  
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Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

**First United Methodist Church**  
1116 Sherman 899-3631  
Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez  
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 am  
Worship: 10:30 am  
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 Simple Supper "Free will Offering 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

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Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am  
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Evening Worship: 6 pm  
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.

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Pastor: Travis Blake  
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Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 am (Child care provided)  
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