

## The Potter's Hands

*But now, O LORD,  
You are our Father;  
We are the clay, and You our potter;  
And all we are the work of Your hand.—Isaiah 64:8*

I used a potter's wheel for the first time this week and was impressed with the significance of the potter's hands. My professor told me that sometimes I need to put more pressure and other times it takes a gentle touch.

I was having difficulty getting the clay to do what I wanted. In fact it was not staying in the right place on the wheel. It turned out that my hands were too dry and that caused friction. As I thought about the scripture that compares us to clay in the potter's hands, I am so thankful that God's hands work perfectly with us. There is no misjudgment on His part.

The word *potter* means "shaper" and that is exactly what God wants to do with our lives. We may not understand what God is doing. We might even wish the touch was not so forceful but God knows exactly what we need to become a vessel fit for His use. Isaiah asks "Shall the clay say to him who forms it, "What are you making?" We are not to question what God is doing in our lives. We are to trust the Potter's hands.

*But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"—Romans 9:20*