

**OPPOSING TRUTHS**  
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**2 Corinthians 4:7-9**

*<sup>7</sup> Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup> We are pressured in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed.*

**Concerning the Treasure (The Holy Spirit)**

1. We have it now.
2. It has extraordinary power.
3. It is from God.

**Concerning the Clay Jars (The People of God)**

We hold this treasure within which allows opposing truths to coexist within our lives simultaneously: Earthly Facts and Heavenly Truths.

**Earthly Facts**

1. We are pressured.
2. We are perplexed.
3. We are persecuted.
4. We are struck down.

**Heavenly Truths**

1. We are not crushed.
2. We are not in despair.
3. We are not abandoned.
4. We are not destroyed.

**Romans 8:10** *Now if Christ is in you (the treasure), the body is dead (earthly fact) because of sin, but the Spirit is life (heavenly truth) because of righteousness.*

**2 Corinthians 4:16** *Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day.*

Because of this jar/treasure amalgamation... "Therefore we do not give up, even though"... our earthly facts can at times seem overwhelming; however, the heavenly truths behind our earthly facts renew us day by day (simultaneous coexistence).

**2 Corinthians 4:17** *For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory.*

This is how the renewal occurs. The affliction of our earthly facts is producing for us a glorious heavenly truth.

**2 Corinthians 4:18** *So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

This is the practical application. This changes our focus, changes our thoughts, changes our prayers, *changes our lives.*

**Addendum**

By focusing on the *temporary seen things* of your life, what you are actually doing is investing them with power, the power that God has specifically reserved for the *eternal unseen things* of your life. You are cloaking the *seen, temporary things* with the immortality that is meant for the *unseen, eternal things*. You are falsely promoting *earthly facts* to *heavenly truths* status.

Ever and always remember: Your earthly facts are already slated for **obsolescence**. They are slated for the same **obsolescence** as your earthly treasures (moth, rust, thieves).