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A Weekly Devotional from the  
South Green Street Church of Christ

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## Junk? Not So Fast

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**A**round five years ago, we underwent a major expansion and renovation to our church building. What a mess it was for the better part of a year. Much of what took place was demolition. Before new construction could begin, much of the old building had to be torn down. The facilities that once served us well, were soon reduced to rubble.

Ah, but for talent. Charles, one of our preachers and one of our elders saw potential in the demolition. As the workers torn down the old stairs, Charles salvaged wood that at one time served as steps leading to our classrooms. From that pile of rubble, Charles was able to make a beautiful oak bookcase with glass doors. Now everytime I go in his office and see that bookcase, I am reminded that something that was at worst - a pile of rubble, and at best - nothing more than steps that we walked on, had been transformed into something beautiful.

Doesn't that sound a lot like what God does every day? He takes people who at worst were rebellious sinners, and who at best were unprofitable servants, and transforms them by his power into something beautiful and valuable.

Before you throw your hands up in the air and give up on yourself; before you get discouraged with the way your life has turned out, remember that you possess the potential, in the hands of God, to be shaped and molded into something of great beauty and value.