SOFRESH and SOCIEAN!!!

1 Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of Peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

ast month, we discussed the notion of God wanting to use us as His "Top Models," vessels exalted for the purpose of reflecting His power and glory throughout the earth. I received countless responses to this article, confirming that the Lord is indeed raising up a remnant of "movers and shakers" that acknowledge the purposes for which they are called and are willing to rise to the challenge.

The problem is that many of us "Models" are still living dual lives- we're saved, yet still operating according to the world's system of thought, action, and mentality. We've adopted worldly ideologies and philosophies, music and messages, and in some cases they've become so much a part of who we are that our abilities to discern between Christ's kingdom and Satan's have become dangerously impaired. Subtly and successfully deceived, things we would never have allowed before are now "not that serious", and Holy Spirit-led inclinations that used to stop us dead in our tracks are now "not that deep".

Ladies and Gents, something is wrong with this picture! God has designed us to be

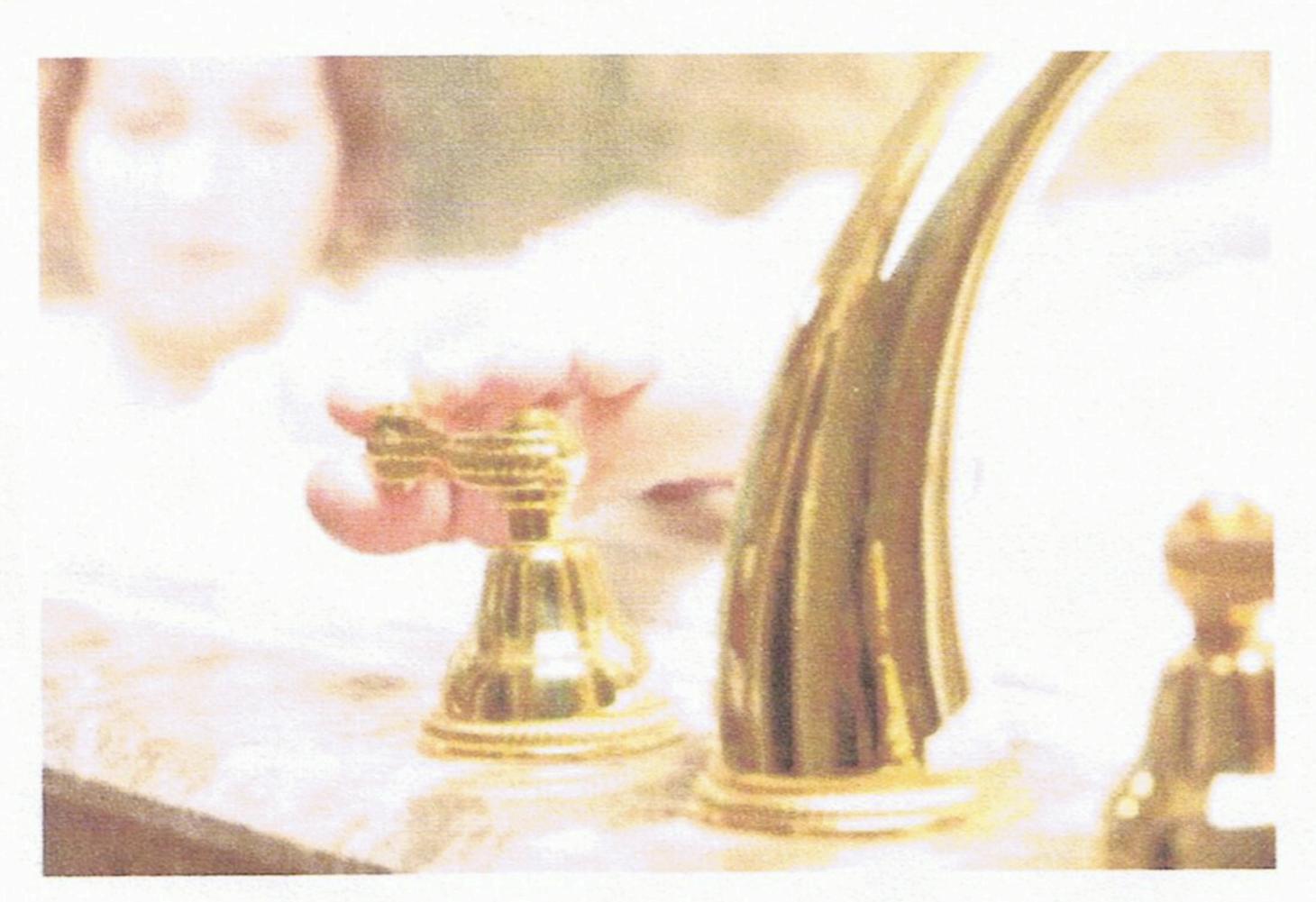
conduits through which His Spirit can flow with ease and power. Like any other chan-

nel or waterway, the more sewage and raw particles piled up inside, the more difficult the passage. It is imperative that we're constantly probing our pipes, scraping away pride, unforgiveness, sexual immorality, and other spiritual impairments that hinder God's ability to use us for His purposes.

The great news is that all the scrubbing is not up to us! The scripture says that God is the One

who sanctifies you COMPLETELY- your entire spirit, soul, and body! No matter what kind of debris you've gotten caked in your cracks, God can wash it away in one moment and restore you to the place of blamelessness and victory! All we have to do is confess our sins and inconsistencies to the Lord, and He promises to "forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) How's that for a Super-Scrub? I'm a witness that there's nothing like the freedom of feeling "So Fresh and So Clean, Clean!!"•

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