

INSPIRATIONAL ARCHIVE

Blessings of Imperfection

Many years ago I read a story about two water pots; one was perfect the other imperfect. The master's house was high on a hill and the only source of water was the stream that flowed in the valley below. The master assigned one of his servants the duty of bringing water from the stream to the mansion every day. The two water pots were fastened to each end of the poll that rested across the servant's shoulders.

Day after day, year after year, the servant made the long journey to the stream and back. Without fail, all those years, one water pot was only half full when the servant reached the mansion. The water pot became discouraged and depressed because he could not deliver water like the other pot. After all those years the water pot discovered that he was cracked, the water had been dropping out all those years. He immediately concluded that his existence was a failure because of his imperfection, and shared this with the servant.

As the servant was returning from the stream with the water pots he pointed to all the flowers on one side of the path. He said to the pot with the imperfection, "Notice the flowers are only on one side of the path, the side where you dropped water from the stream to the master's mansion."

You may go through life thinking you are a failure. You may be able to identify your handicap and imperfection. Don't be discouraged over what someone else has accomplished; just accept yourself as God has made you. One of these days when you arrive at the Master's house, you will see the flowers of blessing from your imperfection.

In the song "Trusting Jesus", written in 1876, the words of Edgar Page Stites are most encouraging. *Simply trusting every day, Trusting thro' a stormy way; Even when my faith is small, Trusting Jesus, that is all. Brightly doth his Spirit shine Into this poor heart of mine; While he leads I cannot fall; Trusting Jesus, that is all. Trusting him while life shall last, Trusting him till earth be past; Till within the jasper wall, Trusting Jesus, that is all.*