

“Fill it up!”

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Have you ever known someone who is full of themselves? They think they are God's gift to humanity. These high minded people look down on everyone. No one is good enough for them. But if we look past the mask of arrogance we find a very shallow person that doesn't have much to offer. They're not that attractive, have not accomplished much, are not financially independent, and most of all they do not have God in their lives. All they have is their stinky, stuck up attitudes smelling up the room.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:25 *“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it”*. There goes God's logic again that just does not humanly compute but it does spiritually work! “Less is more”. “First is last”. “Empty is full.” If we are so full of ourselves there is no room for God. How is the Lord supposed to work if we keep getting in the way? Author Max Lucado wrote, “When you are full of yourself, God can't fill you. But when you empty yourself, God has a useful vessel.” **Useful!** *“Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work”*.

II Timothy 2:21.

When I was much younger, I was selfish and arrogant. I can truly say that I gleaned zero satisfaction from that behavior and it helped no one. *“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world (or thinks he/she is all that), and loses his own soul?”* Mathew 16:26.

The truth of the matter is that God exalts the humble, not the talented, beautiful, or wealthy. God may have gifted us with some or all of the above but it does not make any of us better than the other. Let's humble ourselves and realize that we are clay in the potter's hands. Let's empty ourselves so God can fill us up. *“And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make”*. Jeremiah 18:4.

