

EMPTY FAUCETS

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When Lawrence of Arabia was in Paris after World War I with some of his Arabic friends, he showed them the sights of the city: the Arc de Triomphe, Louvre, Napoleon's Tomb, etc.; but none of these things impressed them. The thing that really interested his friends was the faucet in the bathtub of their hotel room. They spent much time turning it on and off. They found it amazing that by turning a handle, one could get all the water he wanted.

Later, when they were ready to leave Paris and return to Arabia, Lawrence found them in the bathtub with wrenches trying to disconnect the faucet. "What we need are faucets. If we have them, we will have all the water that we want." Lawrence had to explain that the effectiveness of the faucet did not lie in themselves, but in the immense reservoirs of water to which they were attached.

The lives of many Christians are as dry as the Arabian deserts. They have the faucets, but there is no connection to the Living Water who enables us to share with others the life we first received in Him. Jesus said:

I am the true vine...Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can you, except you abide in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing (John 15:1-5).

What can you do without living and abiding in Christ? Nothing! You may even go through the motions of good works and men may call you faithful and fruitful, but everything you do apart from Him "profiteth nothing" (John 6:63). Are you attached to the only source that can make you fruitful and your life worthwhile?

We are all faucets. Christians should be faucets of God's love. But, unless we are attached to the reservoir of God's love, Jesus the Christ, we are only empty faucets.~