

Emptied to Be Filled

by C.H. Spurgeon

To be used by God, we must first be emptied of our own strength and abilities, and be left with a sense of our own insufficiency.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9, Philippians 2:7

Topics: "Humility", "Divine Empowerment"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the necessity of being emptied of self before God can fill us with His purpose and power. He illustrates that both ministers and teachers must first recognize their inadequacy and weakness, which prepares them for divine use. This process of emptying is essential for receiving God's blessings and effectively serving others. Spurgeon likens this transformation to a dish being cleaned and set aside before being filled with heavenly nourishment. Ultimately, he conveys that true effectiveness in ministry comes from a humble acknowledgment of our limitations.

Transcript

Before the minister shall preach the word to thousands, he must be emptied and made to tremble under a sense of inability. Before the Sunday-school teacher shall bring her girls to Christ, she shall be led to see how weak and insufficient she is. I do believe that whenever the Lord is about to use us in his household, he takes us like a dish and wipes us right out and sets us on the shelf, and then afterwards he takes us down and puts thereon his own heavenly meat, with which to fill the souls of others. There must as a rule be an emptying, a turning upside down, and a putting on one side, before the very greatest blessing comes.

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