

## Inspirational Insight

### Cracked Pot

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of his imperfections and miserable that he could only do half of what he was made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman about the problem whilst by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to fall out all the way back to your house." The old woman smiled and said "Did you not notice there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pots side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path and everyday when we walk back you water them. So for two years I have been able to pick these flowers and decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. It is the cracks and the flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You have just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

**So to all my crack pot friends, have a great week and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!**

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