



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 its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"

"That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them."

"For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to 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. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

So, to all of my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!
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APHORISM

A short, pointed sentence expressing a wise or clever observation or a general truth

- ❖ The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
- ❖ Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
- ❖ Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
- ❖ A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
- ❖ How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
- ❖ Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
- ❖ Why is it that at class re-unions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
- ❖ Scratch a cat and you will have a permanent job.
- ❖ No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
- ❖ There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
- ❖ There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4am. it could be a correct number.
- ❖ No one ever says 'It's only a game.' when his/her team is winning.
- ❖ The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
- ❖ Do you realise that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)
- ❖ Always be yourself. Because the people that matter, don't mind. And the ones that mind, don't matter.
- ❖ Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

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