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James 3:1-18

Let say you have a bucket full of water and you soak a sponge in it. Of course it will be saturated with water. Later on you take the sponge, and in a room full of people, you swing the sponge around the room. What would the people be splashed with? The answer is obvious, water. What if the bucket is filled with milk, oil, or soda pop? The people will be splashed with the substance in the bucket that saturated the sponge.

This is a spiritual principle. Whatever you are filled or saturated with, that's what you will be spreading around. When issues of life squeeze you, you will spill what you are filled with: "By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit" (Matthew 7:16-17). The Bible is very clear about the fruit of the Holy Spirit: "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23).

When life squeezes or shakes us around may what comes splashing out of our life glorify and honor God.

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