

# The Exchanger

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Power*

*We've Got  
Connections!*

My flesh and my  
heart may fail, But  
God is the strength  
of my heart and  
my portion  
forever.

Psalm 73:26

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## *The Lord, My Portion*

Summer is over. I am back to teaching school and feeling a lot of pulling in my heart. Voices of things that need done or fixed. My first reaction is to start making my list and start fixing. That works for about one week and then I land in my rocking chair with my hands to my face and whimper a cry, "Lord, I am so inadequate to even live today, how did I get myself here. HELP!" His still, quiet voice always comes through, "Can I fill your cup today? Can I be your portion? Can I be your life as you walk through this day?" Then I read in Watchman Nee's book, *Twelve Baskets Full*, Volume 3:



The Christian life is nothing short of the life of Christ. It is Christ's own life reproduced in us. "Of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). The common conception of

sanctification is that every item of our life should be holy; but that is not holiness -- it is the fruit of holiness. Holiness is Christ. When we are conscious of pride, we fancy that humility will meet our need; but the answer to pride is not humility -- it is Christ, and Christ is the answer to every need. God will not give you humility or patience or love as separate gifts of His grace; He HAS GIVEN you CHRIST, and if you imply trust Him to live out His life in you, HE will be humble, patient, loving and everything else that you need, in your stead. God is not a retailer: He does not deal out grace to us in doses. He gives us His Son to be our life, and we only need to be "in Christ" for all that is Christ's to become ours. There is only one "Christian life" -- and that is THE LIFE OF CHRIST. I am never asked to imitate that Life, but only to allow Christ to live out His life in me. "I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20).

I know this truth in my head, but I do not really feel it until I come to grips with how empty and inadequate I am. I hate when I feel that way. I fight that feeling. I get depressed and angry over that feeling. But until I embrace who I am apart from Jesus, He will never really be enough. I am back to the first step of the Christian life. I will boast in my weakness because when I am weak—He is strong. The Lord is my portion (Psalm 16:5).

—Terri Fornear