



TRAIL TIP:

Fill your canteen **before** you have need of it.

Illustration:

Use two canteens, or two simple Mason Jars. Fill one with dirt/sand/whole wheat flour, something to represent a dry fill. Fill the other with clear water. Use this setup along in the lesson as you see if fit into place. "Ham up" the following scene. If you have the personnel have the lesson begin as a short "skit" between two cowboys using the following scene.

A common scene in the old western movies was a couple of cowboys riding through the desert; then one of them asks for a drink of water from the other because he has run out of water. He'd used up all of his or forgot to fill his up and then wants the other guy's.

In the next scene they would get into a fight over it, then one of them would shoot off his gun and a hole would be shot in the one canteen with water in it. What happens then? You can fill in the blanks on that one.

How dumb is that? But we tend to do the same thing all the time. Not with canteens so much, but in trying to walk the Christian walk in our own flesh instead of in the Spirit of God.



Ephesians 5:18

... but be filled with the Spirit...

Being "filled with the Spirit" means just that...."filled with the Spirit." Now to be filled with something and in this case Someone, the Holy Spirit is a Someone, you must first be empty of yourself.

The Spirit is given to the born-again believer as a Comforter the Bible says, but also to lead others to salvation.

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Too many Christians are missing the point. Is your canteen filled with the Holy Spirit? Or with yourself?

What about you? To be filled with the Spirit, you must first be BORN-AGAIN. [Present Salvation].