

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



FILL HER UP MATE

There was a time when service stations had "pump attendants" who, as you pulled into the browser for a fill-up, would come out with the well-rehearsed question, "How much, mate?" Generally, the answer would be, "Just fill 'er up, mate." And while "er" was being filled up, the windscreen would be cleaned, "er" would become full, money would change hands, and you would go on your merry way.

Then came self-service, and some bowsers even had buttons to press;" one dollar", "five dollars", "ten dollars", or "re-set". Now precise amounts could be re-set. And there was a "Stop" button.

Think about this:

Every day, God comes and stands beside you and offers a total fill-up of His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. **(Galatians 5:22 & 23)** What will be your response to his offer?

"No thanks – don't need your "love" today. I'm fine">

"Joy? Well, yesterday, things were a bit down. Maybe today, I'll have a bit of that "joy".

"School holidays start next week. Yes! Some "peace" could be useful."

"As for "patience"? Don't believe everything my family says. I have the "patience of Job" Whoever he is.

"Goodness"? Do you have any idea how many charities and clubs I support? Plus, I go to church almost every Sunday. So I guess we can pass on that".

" Now, about faithfulness?" About what? To whom? That's pretty open-ended, you know.

"I suppose "gentleness" and "self-control" will be good for my image. Yeah, I'll have a top-up. I Shouldn't need much." Now! What do I owe you?"

Then comes the startling reply from God. "Well, remember hearing about when my Son Jesus was nailed on that cross? "Yeah, vaguely" He paid for everything, plus if you let me fill your heart with love for him, you get the special lifetime offer of having twenty-four–seven–three-hundred-and-sixty-five days full access to all special blessings as mentioned. Maybe think about our meeting and get back to me for more of a yarn. Remember, I don't have a "STOP LOVING" button."

God bless,
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