

# BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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## Making a Difference

### Bucket filling throughout life

Melinda Johnson lives in Columbus, Indiana and is a school principal/teacher. She wrote to tell us that a preschool student introduced her to *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*

She and her staff loved the book and purchased a copy for their school. Melinda said that after reading the book to the children, filling a bucket became a part of their daily vocabulary.

One little three-year-old girl was so taken with the bucketfilling concept that Melinda suggested to her parents and grandparents that they get a copy for the family.

They did, and the grandfather, who is a retired minister, used the concept of bucket filling as the basis of his eulogy during a friend's funeral.

Thank you, Melinda, for affirming our belief that bucket filling resonates with all ages.

## BUCKET CHUCKLES



"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me her old clothes and has to go out and buy all new ones."  
Mindy, age 8

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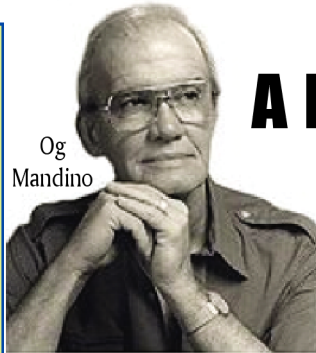
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Og Mandino

### Bucket Nuggets

## A bucketfilling gift

By Glennie Merillat, Newsletter Editor



*"Realize that true happiness lies within you. Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside. Remember that there is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."*

Not long ago, I ran across this quote while working on a newsletter. This perfect description of bucket filling was written by Augustus "Og" Mandino (1923-1996), who is known for his timeless best-selling book, *The Greatest Salesman in the World*. Over the years, 50 million copies of his inspirational book have been sold and translated into more than 25 languages.

Og treated everyone he met with kindness. At some point in his life, he developed a core belief that each person on earth is a miracle. He was a man who spent the last decades of his life filling buckets with his wisdom and compassion.

This gentle man was not ashamed to show emotion; he nearly loses his composure as he tells a moving story about the time he took a taxi to a television station for a guest appearance.

He asked Ray, the taxi-driver, who had picked him up at the airport, to let the meter run, and join him in the studio. Well, Ray reached back and put the flag down and accompanied Og into the building where he was introduced as, "my buddy, Ray" to the show's producer, who was a bit surprised to see Og in the company of a black taxi driver dressed in T-shirt and jeans. Nevertheless, Ray was seated in the front row and was shown the same kindness again that morning before Og's two radio broadcasts in other sections of the city.

When it was time for lunch, Ray insisted on taking Og to "his part of town" where, Og claims he was served "the best hamburger" he'd ever had. Ray insisted on paying the check and as he drove his new "buddy" back to the airport he said, "I ain't never going to forget this day." When Og asked him why, Ray responded, "You made me feel important — *today was the first time in my life I ever felt important.*" He then stepped close to Og and hugged him and said, "I love you Mr. Og." and Og, hugging him back replied, "I love you, too, Ray."

It was a bucketfilling moment that neither man ever forgot.

### This week's winner

## Congratulations!



**Joann Olsen**, a teacher in, Lansing, Michigan, is our bucket filler of the week. Congratulations Joann! You have a book coming your way. Every bucket filler is a winner! Encourage your friends to get their buckets filled by ordering our free e-newsletter at

[www.bucketfillers101.com](http://www.bucketfillers101.com).

### Quote of the Week

**"Do all things with love." — Og Mandino**