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Subject: A good quote

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"A truly humble man does not think less of himself. He thinks of himself less." --Randy Vrugink

For a long time was trying to figure out how to walk in genuine humility, being crucified with Christ without diminishing who I am in Christ, as his creation and re-creation. That quote seems to summarize the balance pretty well.

We should not think that a Christ-centered life means that we insult ourselves or have a low opinion of ourselves. Doing so would contradict what the Lord says about us, that we are made in His image, a kingdom of priests, the light of the world, new creatures in Christ, the sons of God, etc... He made us who we are.

However, whoever will be Jesus' disciple must deny himself, pickup his cross and follow him. Not I, but Christ lives in me. We think of ourselves less.

Sometimes an overemphasis on "being crucified with Christ" can become counterproductive. If I'm always thinking, "Oooh, that person annoyed me, I'm just gonna have to die to self", I'm actually thinking about myself too much at that point. Focusing on all my faults that have to change can also be an example of thinking about self too much. However, if we are crucified with Christ, and He lives in us, we will focus on God first, then other people second. We will be concerned more with others and with His kingdom, not so much our own "spirituality".

Beth Moore calls it "living beyond yourself". Outward focus rather than self focus. I think that sums it up pretty well.