

Just Ordinary Paper?

William Wolcott, an English artist, decided to go to New York City to record his impressions of the Big Apple. So off he went.

One morning, he was visiting in the office of a former colleague when the urge to sketch suddenly came over him. Seeing some paper on his friend's desk, he asked, "May I have that?"

His friend answered, "That's not sketching paper. That's ordinary wrapping paper."

Not wanting to lose that spark of inspiration, Wolcott took the wrapping paper and said, "Nothing is ordinary if you know how to use it."

On that *ordinary paper*, Wolcott made two sketches. Later that same year, one of those sketches sold for \$500 and the other for \$1,000, quite a sum for 1924.

People under the influence of an empowering person are like paper in the hands of a great artist. No matter what they are made of, they can become treasures.

As you read this and reflect: You are made by the Artist of all artists – the Creator of the vast universe and of male and female.

And no matter what your circumstances today may be, you are a treasure in His eyes.

But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand (Isaiah 64:8).

– Beecher Hunter