

印光大师故事 2——具善根者，才能念佛

公元 1892 年，印光大师 32 岁。那时候印光大师住在北京的圆广寺，有一天和一个出家人在西直门外散步，在路上遇到一个小乞丐，大约十五六岁。他就跟印光大师讨钱。

大师说：“如果你念一句佛号的话，我就给你一文钱。”那个小乞丐却不肯念。大师又说：“如果你念十句佛号的话，我就给你十文钱。”他依然不肯念。

后来印光大师就把钱袋里的钱全部取出来，大约有四百多文钱，和颜悦色地跟他说：“你念一句佛号，给你一文钱，你只管念，我这里一袋钱给完为止。”最后那个小乞丐放声大哭，却始终不肯念佛号。

印光大师慨叹其太缺乏善根了，于是给了他一文钱，就走了。

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Master Yinguang's Story 2 – Only those with good roots can recite the Buddha's name.

In 1892, Master Yinguang was 32 years old. At that time, Master Yinguang was living in the Yuan Guang Temple in Beijing, and one day he was walking with a monk outside the Xizhimen Gate, when he met a small beggar on the road, about fifteen or sixteen years old. He then asked Master Yinguang for money. The master said, "I will give you a penny if you recite one Buddha's name." The little beggar refused to recite it. The Master said again, "If you recite ten Buddha's names, I will give you ten pieces of money." He still refused to recite. Later, Master Yin Guang took out all the money in the money bag, about more than four hundred, and said to him cheerfully, "If you recite one phrase of the Buddha's name, I will give you one penny, you just recite it, and I will give it out until the bag of money is finished here." Finally, that little beggar cried loudly, but never refused to recite the Buddha's name. Master Yin Guang lamented that he was too lacking in goodness, so he gave him a penny and left!