Running out of Toner

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I keep backup toner because in my work I often need to print copies. I don't want to email my file to the UPS store and pay extra money to print a file. However, on occasion I have run out of toner.

What I did might help you in a pinch. Open your printer and take out your cartridge. While holding the cartridge securely, shake it vigorously up and down and sideways six or eight times. Then, place the cartridge back in your printer and print.

The way cartridges are constructed, toner may run out in one part of the cartridge causing the printing to become faded or not print at all. By shaking the cartridge, you redistribute the toner and will have a limited amount of time to print additional copies. Of course, I immediately order replacement toner online. While it was relatively inexpensive, I did have to wait a few days. Shaking the cartridge filled the gap.

Since I prefer to be frugal, I use this tactic on my cartridges anyway just to get a few more pages out of each one.

In Genesis we read, "Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure." (Genesis 41: 48 – 49, NIV)

We may think that saving on toner by shaking the cartridge is a waste of effort. However, Joseph's example of how storing food during times of abundance provided enough food during times of scarcity teaches us to do the same.