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- **JESUS FREQUENTLY CONFRONTED CRITICS OR ANSWERED QUESTIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO ENDED UP GETTING MORE THAN THEY BARGAINED FOR. THIS WASN'T BECAUSE HE ENJOYED OUTSMARTING OR EMBARRASSING THEM – RATHER, THE INQUIRIES PROVIDED IRRESISTIBLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LORD TO TEACH A “BIGGER POINT.”**
- **LUKE 11:45 – “YOU INSULT US TOO!”**
- **LUKE 12:13 – “TELL HIM TO DIVIDE THE INHERITANCE”**
- **LUKE 13:14FF – “THERE ARE SIX DAYS TO COME AND GET HEALED”**
- **LUKE 18:18 – LOSE IT ALL TO OBTAIN IT ALL**
- **LUKE 20:27FF – THE REVERSE “GOTCHA”**

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- **ALL OF THESE STORIES, AND MANY MORE, MIGHT BE A LITTLE HUMOROUS TO US, BUT THEY ILLUSTRATE A VERY DISCOURAGING HUMAN TENDENCY. MANY PEOPLE DON'T COUNT THE COST BEFORE ENGAGING IN AN ENDEAVOR, ASKING A QUESTION, OR PROCLAIMING A BELIEF. OUR COMPLACENCY OR NARROW-MINDEDNESS KEEPS US FROM REALLY FOLLOWING IT TO ITS CONCLUSION.**
- **WHEN THAT IDEA OR BELIEF IS CHALLENGED, THE NATURAL RESPONSE IS TO BECOME DEFENSIVE, LASH OUT, OR IMMEDIATELY BEGIN "SHORING UP"/BACKTRACKING OUR ARGUMENT – "WELL, THAT'S NOT REALLY WHAT I MEANT" OR "YOU'RE JUST NOT GETTING MY POINT."**
- **OTHER TIMES, WE JUST LIE AND SHUT DOWN THE CONVERSATION, LIKE THE PHARISEES IN MATTHEW 21:27. THE ONLY THING THEY LEARNED INTERACTING WITH JESUS WAS TO KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT (MATTHEW 22:46).**



**IF YOU COME TO GOD LOOKING TO BE CLEVER,
YOU'LL ALWAYS END UP WITH MORE THAN YOU
BARGAINED FOR (1 CORINTHIANS 1:20-25).**



CASE-IN-POINT

JOB 38:2-3, 40:6-10, 42:7-8

GALATIANS 6:7-8

- **“GOD IS NOT MOCKED” CAN ALSO MEAN “GOD WON’T BE FOOLED” OR “YOU CAN’T OUTSMART GOD.”**
- **NOBODY IS CLEVER ENOUGH TO GET AWAY WITH THINKING HE CAN LIVE HOWEVER HE WANTS WITHOUT FACING EVENTUAL CONSEQUENCES. HE WILL REAP WHAT HE SOWS, ESPECIALLY IN AN ETERNAL SPIRITUAL SENSE!**
- **TAKE THE RICH MAN FROM LUKE 16:19, FOR EXAMPLE. HE PUT STOCK IN THE FLESH AND THAT’S ALL HE GOT. IT’S A CLASSIC “YOU ASKED FOR IT” IN THE SENSE THAT HE INVESTED IN THE FLESH AND ENJOYED IT TO THE FULLEST – WITHOUT CONSIDERING ITS LIMITATIONS! SIMILARLY, BEING ESTEEMED HIGHLY IN THE EYES OF MEN HAS ITS REWARDS (MATTHEW 6).**
- **HELL IS THE ULTIMATE “YOU ASKED FOR IT” (2 THESS. 1:9).**

DON'T BE SURPRISED...

- **IF YOU CONSTANTLY SPOUT INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS AND OPINIONS AND THEN FIND YOURSELF UNDER ATTACK – OR WORSE, ALONE.**
- **IF YOU MAKE MONEY AND CAREER YOUR ULTIMATE PRIORITY AND WAKE UP ONE DAY HAVING MISSED OUT ON IRREPLACEABLE EXPERIENCES.**
- **IF YOU PUT FAITH ON THE BACK-BURNER WHEN TIMES ARE GOOD, THEN FLOUNDER SPIRITUALLY WHEN “THE RUG GETS PULLED OUT.”**
- **IF YOU RELEGATE THE BIBLE TO “MYTH AND LEGEND” STATUS, THEN FIND YOURSELF UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND OR APPLY IT PROPERLY.**
- **IF YOU ARGUE WITH GOD’S WISDOM (BE IT THE BIBLE, THE SAINTS, ELDERS, MORAL EXPECTATIONS) AND FACE-PLANT.**
- **IF YOU PUT ON A GOOD SHOW, HIDE YOUR SINS AND INSECURITIES, LIVE FOR APPEARANCES, AND END UP HOLLOW.**