

THE EXTRA POINT

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1218 Be Careful What You Say to People

Today, some fundamental advice that you can teach to your kids that will serve them for a lifetime. I'm Jerry Roberts, and we'll have it for you next, on The Extra Point.

My mom gave me a certain piece of advice for the first time when I was in the 5th or 6th grade, and it was repeated many times after that. She said, "Be careful what you say to people. One day, your words may come back to bite you."

It was simple enough, and I accepted it at face value. That advice turned out to be prophetic for me, as I'm sure it has been for you in your life.

A girl in junior high, someone I thought was my friend, asked me if I liked anyone. Me, being the socially dense person I was, told her I did like someone — we'll call her Pat — and thought she was really pretty. However, "she doesn't know I even exist, and she has a boyfriend," etc.

Can you guess what happened next? Right, this "friend" went straight to Pat and told her.

So, the next day, Pat sees me walking to my class, comes up, all smiles, and grabs my arm, "Hi Jerry, how are you? Well, that was pretty surprising, but I didn't move my arm. "Uhh, hi Pat, I'm good. HHHHHow are you?" I was smooth that way.

So, we walked to class. Unbeknownst to me, a punk named Walter, whom I'd had a little dustup with once before, was buddies with the boyfriend. After class, the boyfriend showed up at the door of the class with his gang.

He ushered Pat out of the room, then turned to me and made a hand gesture that told me he thought I was #1...then said to stay away from his girlfriend or else.

Mom's words came alive, "be careful what you say to people."

A quick story. Perhaps you've heard this.

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter." Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 Years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance." To this, Esther replied, "Morris that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take both of you for a ride, and if you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you. But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm super impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

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That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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