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Holding It All Together

by Amy McCollom



Promises And Policies
 There is one thing that people who are close to me, should know about me by now; if I say "I Promise," then I WILL keep that promise. I don't throw that word around casually.

Kids catch every word you say, when they want to, so you have to be careful what you say yes to. When we welcomed our first foster child into our family, we got ready to go to Champaign to shop for new shoes. He asked as we were loading up in the van,

"Will we be going to McDonald's too?" I answered him, "maybe." He smiled great big, pumped his fist in the air and said "Yes!!" Our oldest son then explained, "Don't you know that PROBABLY means yes, and MAYBE means no?" Wow, I didn't know that either.

Then there is the "inferred" promise; the ones that are supposedly mutually understood, but not actually said. This is where a lot of trust is destroyed. It's filled with policies, fine print, play on words, big corp. America, and the trusting general public like you and I. We are trapped here. I can expound on this more, but I would go over my word count, so I will save it for a political rant on social

media some day.

I no longer trust a large online merchandise company which I will just call Scamazon for privacy sake. I have ordered items from this company for several years and have usually been happy with the products and delivery service. I have spent thousands of dollars over the years with this company, so I considered myself a valued customer. I even pay extra every year to belong to their "Prim" club. By joining that club, I am supposed to have special privileges that the usual shopper does not have, like free 2 day shipping and discounts. I mainly joined for the shipping because that is a huge cost and I like knowing exactly when my package will arrive.

Well, last week I ordered my twins some gifts for their birthday that was coming up this week. Knowing I had 2 day shipping I figured this would not be a problem. I was pleased that when I placed the order, everything was shown to be arriving in plenty of time before their birthday. Some of the packages came right away. But the one main thing that my son had asked for did not. I kept a close watch each day, tracking the package as it moved along towards its destination. Finally, with great relief, the day of my son's birthday, I got an email that the package would be delivered that day!

I didn't leave the house. Every loud truck that went by sent me running to the door. The kids came home

from school, still nothing. John came home from work, nothing. We had the birthday supper the twins chose, Chinese chicken fried rice and egg rolls, and waited in the living room for the other package that I was sure would arrive at any minute. It was awkward. Rosa's gifts sat on the table, wrapped and ready, begging to be opened. Rudy started to look disappointed. I felt disappointed for him. Suddenly I heard my phone bleep, and I checked my email. Fifteen minutes before 9:00, I got a message from Scamazon that there was a delay in delivery and the package would be delivered between 4/24/19 - 4/27/19. I bet I looked like Daffy Duck when he would get so mad that steam came out of his ears and you could hear a train horn blow. I was furious. And it takes a lot to make me mad. Hurting a child or an animal will do it, especially if they belong to me.

I quickly found the contact information on Scamazon's website, and, of course, everything was online. Soon a chat window opened up and a representative began talking to me. After briefly describing what happened and how their delinquency ruined my child's birthday, the representative quickly transferred me to another representative. This went on through 4 representatives.

Finally a manager was talking to me and offered me a \$10 coupon and a promise that the package would be here the very **Cont. on pg. 8**

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