

# Fool Me Once and You Will Be the Fool

By Dr. James L. Snyder

Recently, the A/C company we use came and did their yearly inspection. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage took them around to the places that needed inspection. Everything turned out to be quite well and no problems.

That got me thinking of what happened many years ago with another company that did our A/C work.

The first company were for a lesson in customer service.

I remember the first day they arrived, I introduced them to The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and told them that she would oversee this inspection. One guy laughed as he looked at me, and then looked at the other guy; both laughed and said, “This is our expertise. We’ll take charge right here.”

My wife said, “If you follow me, I will take you to where you need to begin.”

The one guy laughed and said, “Ma’am, you don’t know what you’re doing; this is our job, we’ll take it from here.”

“This is my house, and you will do exactly as I say.” Then, with both hands on her hips, she gave them her infamous stare.

“Okay,” my wife said, “you either come where I tell you or get out of my house.” She said it in such a way that even those two stooges understood exactly what she was saying.

She then took them to the first place to check the A/C unit, very solemnly following her to the first point.

Then they told my wife they needed to go out to their truck and put together their estimate of our A/C inspection.

They were outside for about half an hour, then came in with their estimate and handed it to my wife.

She looked at it, then

looked back at them and said, “What is this all about?”

“Those are the things,” the one guy said very seriously, “that need to be replaced on your unit.”

I don’t quite remember, but I think it was over \$1,000 that they had added up.

“I do not think any of this is necessary.” She said very seriously.

“All this stuff you want to replace is unnecessary for our unit.” She paused for a while and then said, “There is nothing wrong with our A/C unit. This is just a yearly checkup that we already paid.”

Then she said, “This A/C unit is only a year old. There is no reason that any of it needs to be replaced within a year.”

“We’ll take this to our manager for him to look at, and he will get back to you tomorrow.”

They picked up their tools and escaped the parsonage as quickly

as possible. Actually, they were escaping The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage to be truthful.

As I was reflecting on all of this I couldn’t help but think of what Solomon said in, Proverbs 18:2-3 – “A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself. When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.”

I have found myself acting like a fool in many regards but I have tried to discipline myself in getting away from those foolish ideas. With God’s help, I have been delighting in understanding. I’m not there yet, but I am progressing day by day.

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