

The Cookie Monster Has Returned

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Sitting in my of-
fice working on some
projects, I was suddenly
surrounded by a familiar
aroma. This surprised
me because I had no idea
what was happening.

The more I sniffed,
the stronger that aroma
became. Then, I had
a flash in my head. I
recognized that aroma.
The aroma coming from
the kitchen was freshly
baked cookies.

It's the time of
the year when The
Gracious Mistress of the
Parsonage spends a lot
of time making cookies.

Should I sneak out to
the kitchen and see what
she was doing?

Leaning back in my
chair, I looked around
my office and noticed
one thing that could
help. There was my
coffee cup, and it was
empty.

With a very joyful
demeanor, I picked up
my cup and marched to
the kitchen, expecting to
see those cookies. I con-
templated what cookies

I would see, but there is
nothing like seeing them
in person.

As I entered the kitch-
en, my wife said, "And
why are you coming into
the kitchen?"

I'm not a gambler, but
I knew I had to lay my
cards on the table, or I
would be in trouble.

"Oh, my dear," I said
with a smile, "I'm here
to get another cup of
coffee."

Looking at me with
one of her looks, she
said, "So, you're not here
for any cookies?"

Looking at me, she
said, "If I give you a
cookie, will you stay out
of the kitchen for the rest
of the day?"

I must confess I would
do anything for a cookie.
So I agreed to this, and
she gave me a fresh
cookie. I smiled at her
and said, "Thank you so
much."

Basking in the aroma
of that cookie, I headed
to my office. What could
be better?

Munching on that
cookie was the best
thing I had done all
morning. I don't know
how she does it, but she
makes the best cookies
in the world.

My wife popped into
my office with another
cookie and said, "I
gotta run across town
to get something for my
cookies. Here's another
cookie if you promise not
to come into the kitchen
while I'm gone."

The cookie disap-
peared rather quickly,
and my wife had been
gone for at least half
an hour, and all I could
think of was cookies,
cookies, cookies.

Getting up out of my
chair, I slowly walked
toward the kitchen. As
you go into our kitchen
on the right, a table con-
nects with the kitchen
sink. I noticed on that
table piles of freshly
baked cookies.

I thought of my agree-
ment with her that I
would not go into the
kitchen, and I stood
there, reached my arm

around the corner, found
several cookies, picked
them up, and returned
to my office. I think I got
away with some more
cookies.

Not long after that,
I heard The Gracious
Mistress of the
Parsonage come into the
house and go into the
kitchen. Then I heard
her say, "Oh, the cookie
monster has returned."

I then knew I was in
trouble.

A scripture verse came
to my mind, "Therefore
to him that knoweth
to do good, and doeth
it not, to him it is sin"
(James 4:17).

Ouch! I think I know
what to do. Gracious
Mistress of the
Parsonage, here I come.

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