

February Greetings From Your Neighbors at Fairfax Baptist Church

Treating Everyone the Same... Wise or Foolish?

W. Steve Brown advises not to treat everyone the same. The classic way of doing this is to have meetings, explain the rules and hold each person to the rule and the consequences for breaking it. One problem is that rules may be the same, but the people and the situations that the rules are applied to are not.

Brown tells of a manager who asked him about firing an employee who was not applying the rules as explained in a meeting. Brown asked the manager for his key ring. One was the key to his family's station wagon and another to his sedan. Brown asked if the station-wagon key worked in the sedan. Of course not. Each key worked in each car, and, once started, the cars drove nicely. Brown said the same applies to the employee. If the manager has the key to this so-called delinquent employee in the rest of his work – that is, he is otherwise a good employee, how is that different from different keys to different cars?

Brown ends by advising that once you have the key to an employee's cooperation in one or more realms, you probably will get cooperation and loyalty in others. Treat people as individuals. Treating everyone exactly the same buys trouble.

(13 Fatal Errors Managers Make)



Today's Joke



Three pastors complained of bats in their church bell towers. One pastor said he had tried loud noise, cats and dogs. And other than the walls almost tumbling down, nothing worked.

The second rued that he had used pesticide and rat poison, but the bats seemed to feed on the poison and became fruitful and multiplied.

The third said, "I baptized all the bats, and made them members of my church. I have not seen a one since!"

Rules of Thumb

Catching a Liar – Good liars stare into the eyes of their prey to convince. Two giveaways are (1) the liars will begin blinking more rapidly. And (2) their excuses will be very long and complicated.

Dr. Joyce Brothers *Syracuse Post Standard*

Interpreting Handwriting – Messy longhand scribble with a mindless scattering of capital and lowercase letters was probably written by a man.

Sarah Padula, teacher and pilot, Freeville, NY.

Using Words – The average American has a vocabulary of around 3,000 words.

Scott Parker, Beaumont, TX.

(Taken from *Rules of Thumb 2 ed.*
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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN WRONGED?

Consult with the wrongdoer individually. If that fails, consult again with a friend or two. If still unresolved, confront the wrongdoer in a public place like your church, place of work, lodge etc. If still unresolved, sever relationships. *Matthew 18:15-17*

Write off any debt s/he owes to you. Do not sue. *Matthew 18: 32-35*

From "Why You Say It" by Webb Garrison

Shindig: A veteran square dance caller will tell you that bruised shins result from the swinging feet of beginning dancers. A dance that leaves tell-tale marks on the lower legs of participants is a shindig.



“Sometimes I want to ask God why He allows injustice, violence, and evil. Couldn’t He do something about it?” asked a friend.

“Why don’t you ask Him?” the other friend responded.

The first friend mused, “What if He asks me the same questions?”



Neighbors getting to know neighbors!

Feel free to contact us if there is an item about your neighborhood you would like included in our newsletter.



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