

**General Topics :: How many times has this happened to you?****How many times has this happened to you?, on: 2006/6/29 8:22**

The scene: It could take place in the home you purpose a visit but for this I will choose a chance meeting in "Wally World" or some other supermarket shopping occasion.

A mother and her young child are in the store where by chance you meet and greet one another as friends or even as family members. At that exact moment the child begins to "act up" demanding the attention of the mother. The mother does little or nothing about the child's rudeness and you are left with the feeling that you are competing with the child while speaking with the mother especially when she halts your words to give attention to the words/wants/self induced needs of the child, thus making it impossible to do anything else except say goodbye, hope you have a nice day.

I ask ---- what's wrong with that scene? What would you do to correct it, more importantly, what should the mother do? Why? What issues are at stake?

There is Spiritual application here that can be made.

Orm

Re: How many times has this happened to you? - posted by Warrior4Jah (), on: 2006/6/29 10:51

Not sure what kind of spiritual application you have put on this short story or question, but I don't think you can do anything to correct it.

I suppose if you are good with kids you can try to comfort the kid, but really that's the mother's responsibility. I can imagine that you would make the mother feel ashamed (or insult her) if you would correct her kid.

If the mother wants to have a conversation with you she will try to comfort the child first. But it might even be better to give a visit to the mother or invite her to come by to have a chat. :)

What I usually see with the situation that a kid suddenly 'goes off' is this:

- The mother corrects the kid and lets it know that this is not supposed to happen.
- The mother bribes the kid and rewards it for crying. (Don't cry, I'll buy you an icecream)
- The mother (totally) ignores it.

The second situation is just plain wrong.

Ignoring the child (for a short time) to make it feel ashamed for acting up might be good. I don't know what would be best (even out these options), but you have to let your children know that this is not acceptable behaviour, being rude and wanting things, except if the child is in real distress.

I think the mother should check what the reason of the crying is as it might even be that there is something wrong. Kids and especially small kids are very often very clearly self-centered. Nowadays when we are grown up we hide it much better. ;-) (or fool ourselves)

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/6/29 11:44

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ratification.

You (or ideally mom) could give undivided attention (eye-contact) to the child and say, "When I'm finished talking to so-and-so, I will listen to you. But first, you must be very quiet, so I can hear." And then you must follow through. Respect the child as you would an adult.

If that has been a pattern, the child will believe it and behave. The problem is when parents chronically do not follow through. Bribing with ice-cream only reinforces the value of misbehaving.

Diane

Re:, on: 2006/6/29 11:59

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As a parent, if I say "I don't need to understand my child, my child needs to understand me", what would that say to you?

Orn

Re: - posted by Combat_Chuck (), on: 2006/6/29 16:09

If the problem is not an innocent one but that of the child's rebellion-- if I was mom, I'd command the child to stop.

If the child disobeys,

I'd say we need apply the board of correction to the seat of learning.

Or let dad do it when they get home.

By undisciplining children we are harming them, not helping.

Spiritual application? Could it be the way our heavenly Father disciplines those whom He loves?

Adam

Re: - posted by Warrior4Jah (), on: 2006/6/29 16:28

Quote:

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I remember this from when I was a small child.

My mom and I were at a supermarket and I kept on 'asking' (more like demanding) my mom to buy this toy car! I really drove her nuts and eventually she bought it for me and she added, wait till your dad hears this. (something like that)

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And yes I was in for some trouble at home. :)

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/6/29 17:28

bro Chuck

Quote:

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Re:, on: 2006/6/29 17:33

Lets narrow the scene a bit:

I walk up to the parent to say hi and politely inquire of the family as to its well being and it is at that moment the child begins to interrupt and compete for mother or dad's attention. Mother or dad allows the interruption which means I just have to repeat what it was I asked or he/her has to do the same until we part company, which is quick to happen.

How do you all feel about that and what now do you think mom or dad should do?

BTW, have any of you ever felt the back of mothers boney fingers across your mouth?--- I have.

Want to talk about building self-esteem in a child?

;-)rm

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bro O

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it's hard to talk through fat lips isn't it! we learnt from an early age to hush our mouths when grown ups were talking. i'm not sure where exactly the self esteem issue trumps discipline though in the eyes of people :-?

Re:, on: 2006/6/29 17:56

Absolutely, Ironman. Just look around at the results as it has been attempted.

Orm

Re: - posted by Combat_Chuck (), on: 2006/6/29 20:12

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We called it the "board of education". Thats what correction first and foremost, should be all about.

8-)rm

Re: apply education to the BRAIN - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/6/30 6:50

I'm not sure where you folks are in your experience with children or with parenting. However, since Ormly put the question forth, I felt I'd share what tiny bit I've learned - not that it addresses the issue adequately by any means.

Quote:

----- I'd say we need apply the board of correction to the seat of learning.

Why get out the heavy artillery when all you need to do is say, "Wait 5 minutes". If a child has never learned the meaning of such words as "Wait", "Shh", "5 minutes", etc, then whose fault is it? It is the parent who needs the education! Sadly wee ones get punished for the parent's sins. (I guess the Bible says that too). This is exasperating for kids

The brain is a far better place of learning than the buttocks. Discipline means training and teaching - like Christ taught the disciples. He didn't beat them into obedience, or threaten punishment at every turn (though they experienced some hard knocks at times).

Sadly we are in a generation where good parenting skills are not being passed down. So we end up with a lot of major problems - power struggles, impulsive behavior, wounding, revenge, rebellion, etc. And then, a few years later, we have to pull out the big guns. (which fix very little)

I've seen so many bad scenarios between parent and child in supermarkets, that it makes me weep. Mom just doesn't know how to handle junior, and junior becomes obnoxious. And all the shoppers around feel at edge.

Another consideration: The public forum is not a wise place to spank. You could have the Children's Aid at your door. Thankfully there are far better means of correction - or should I say, "Training". There are countless ways to apply consequences for wrong behavior which teach, not just punish.

Train a child..... teach...

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What can you teach in the supermarket: About the contents of packages, healthy food, unhealthy food, four food groups, what's breakable, what's a waste of money, why refrigeration, respect for other shoppers, waiting in line, patience, etc etc etc. (depending on age)

If you respect your children, including others, they will learn to respect you and others. That is simply good training. Role modelling has always been the most powerful teacher. Christ used that method.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart."

Diane

Re:, on: 2006/6/30 8:16

"If you respect your children, including others, they will learn to respect you and others. That is simply good training. Role modelling has always been the most powerful teacher. Christ used that method."

First things first, Diane.

The only thing a child understands is pressure. One earns respect, remember? The child must first respect the parent and the parent must first teach that command to the child. First comes the instructions to be carried out and then comes the discipline when they aren't carried out. Too much I've seen the other way around, i.e., the parents being instructed by the child.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart."

Proverbs 22:6 (NASB-U)

Train up a child in *the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

*Lit *according to his way*

Quite literally: Don't give a child training and when he is old he will not know how to receive any --- from anyone. This is the consequence of letting a child do it's own thing and expecting it to respect you authority and the authority of others. When a child respects authority he brings honor to you. Unfortunately society is replete with several generations of parents who as children never learned basic principles or human nature at the "hand " of Godly parental leadership. Gone are the days when a child says "thank you", "sir" or "mam".

Orm

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Re: Nurture - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/6/30 8:56

Quote:
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It's sad when a child/parent relationship has degenerated to this. The child's heart is hardened. He becomes tough and resistant or weak and passive. (a way of coping) Parents either are passive (absent or unavailable emotionally) or they are authoritarian and controlling, or both. Either tends to backfire miserably. I've seen it for years.

If a child can no longer hear a quiet voice, if he can no longer respond to tender love, or if he is perpetually defiant to authority, you have a serious problem. We see that esp in broken families – called attachment disorder. There is a lack of nurturing. I think it is a growing problem in well-to-do families where the bank account is the center of parental attention.. .. or some other idolatrous pursuit.

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This perception of authority is prevalent in our culture – so it shouldn't be surprising if our wee ones follow in the trend. It is a reflection of our general attitude towards God – we run him, he is powerless. We see it in our churches all the time.

We live in an entitlement generation – ie: I deserve my rights, I have a right to this, and that.. I have a right to the kind of music I like, the things I want, the freedom to do what I want. And the purpose of our authorities (ex government) is to give us what we want. After all, isn't that why we vote for them?:-(

So people (of all ages) then become unteachable (I deal with this as a teacher) Sometimes it is tempting to think that some form of regimented training program will fix it. However, that does not necessarily make mature adults. It doesn't nurture the wounded soul. It may, however, polish the "outside of the cup".

God has a far better solution. It is called the New Life. That is the only way to break out of our deteriorating generational cycle of sin that we see everywhere.

Diane

Re:, on: 2006/6/30 9:26

Funny that our armed services are the only ones left who understand what it means to train up youngsters "in the way they need to go" and to do so with an objective in mind. The result? Ask that youngster who he now has a regard for.

Discipline breeds security. Godly discipline breeds the best security in a child. And whom the Father loves, He chastens --- sometimes with a rod.. I repeat: The only thing a child can understand is pressure. That's the way its mind receives into itself the ability to make proper choices. It is through instruction and consistent discipline he learns; as in the way of success and failure.

So much for socio-psychology and OBE.

FWIW there a spiritual analogy, especially considering roadsigns postings, that can be associated with the church. Anybody see it?

Orm

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Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/6/30 9:59

Re: Discipline IS love - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/6/30 10:39

Quote:

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Now, this is the crux, isn't it? And this is God's way in dealing with us. The end product: Security!

That is what everyone in the world needs in order to survive. Sadly they learn from a young age that they will find it in this world, and that is the basis of a lot of sinful choices - from an early age.

I failed to address one of your comments, Ormly: You feel that a child must respect his parent before the parent should respect the child. I think I know what you are saying: That a child can't use the parent in order to get his needs met. This is true. But, there is a big difference between legitimate need and perceived need (wants).

Frankly no person can respect another any more than he is respected himself. That's just the way it is. You can't love anyone more than you know you are loved. Frankly love IS respect. "Love always respects." Likewise discipline IS respect (or it's not good discipline) A child deserves respect right from the womb, where he first learns if he is loved and wanted. Without that he lacks security, and has difficulty trusting any authority. And so he goes about filling the hole in his soul in all kinds of wrong ways. For example: If negative attention is all he gets, he will strive for it because that's better than no attention. So he becomes the bad kid of the class.

When a child learns that he can only be loved and respected if he has earned it, he will never have SECURITY. He will never trust God's love, and will always feel that he can't measure up. So he adopts a theology of works.

You can see that parents have a huge and serious task - being God's representatives to their offspring. They must teach that God is an AUTHORITY who can be trusted. But first, the parents themselves must BELIEVE it - trust God, and love him with all their heart, soul and mind.

Quote:

-----FATHER knows best

Much of one's theology is learned in the cradle.

Diane

Re:, on: 2006/6/30 15:07

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Pardon? Sorry I did pick up on that. What is God's way?

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And whose fault is that but the parent who thinks that, after the first admonition, he can talk his child into obeying. That's wishful thinking. You know what? I think you already know it to be so.

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-----I failed to address one of your comments, Ormly: You feel that a child must respect his parent before the parent should respect the child.

That's not what I wrote. The child needs to learn how to respect the parent, period. The child must earn his --- and it will be from his peers.

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The child should never USE his parents to get anything, needs or wants. Don't you agree with that? Can you not see disrespect in that?

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Sorry, that's just wrong thinking. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. It's also the beginning of knowledge and God is NO respecter of persons. Obey or you will suffer the consequences. That's always been His way and parents are given by Him to follow His example when disciplining their children along those lines.

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Love is love and it can be tough at times --- and should be if you want lessons learned. God loves you --- but ask Him if He respects you.---- Do you still love Him now that He answered you?

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Deserves respect?? From the womb??? I gave him life. My will will be done in his life until he reaches the age where I must give his life over to God. Hopefully he will have learned, BECAUSE I WILL HAVE TAUGHT HIM, to let God have His way in it.

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So change it. Give him positive attention. But that doesn't mean you stop being the parent you need to be when it is correcting time. Parental negotiations rarely if ever work, leading only to more benign corrective measures, usually more talk and threats if you follow new age thinking. Pressure works almost all the time if applied in the right place and in a consistent manner that the child can count on it happening when he/she disobeys. That's the Godly way of doing business.

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Nonsense!! My earthly father was a Rock! Being a rock in my life I knew He didn't/wouldn't waiver in the truth or his demands that I be truthful. He never did and now I know that my Heavenly Father won't either because I now know how a father is suppose to function. My dad taught me. I could count on Him being there to guide me when I was in trouble or if I make a mistake He wouldn't disown me. That's security!! Guess what? My Father still corrects me when I need it! You know what? --- it still hurts. Only now it is my Heavenly Father.

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Made impossible if your thinking rules the day. Sorry the kid will be ruined. Want proof? Read the headlines everyday.

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Most of one's theology is learned in the wine press but only when intimacy with Father is sought after.

Ormy

Jeremiah 6:16 (NASB-U)
Thus says the Lord, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"

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Re: - posted by Combat_Chuck (), on: 2006/6/30 15:34

We can discuss child psychology all we want, and surely much of it is important; but may we never forget the age old truth of Proverbs, which is: "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

Re:, on: 2006/6/30 16:03

Ah, you're on the right track, combat. And never forget when you tuckum in at night to hug and kiss them and speak of your love to them. Do THAT from the cradle.

:-Drm

Re: - posted by Combat_Chuck (), on: 2006/7/1 3:19

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Amen! :-D

I still remember how much it meant to me when my parents tucked me in every single night.

I also remember the times of discipline from my father and I now look back and am thankful for it, and to God for having godly parents who went against the grain of our godless society and disciplined me-- in love.

I always hated the discipline and the hard bargain my father had for me. I was always resentful at the time, but now I am forever in debt to my parents and will never be able to repay them in full.

Adam (age 18)

:-)

Re: love vs? discline - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/7/1 10:00

Hi folks,
I sense that my overall message has been somewhat misunderstood. I think the reason may simply be in the way some words are typically used. And THAT tendency is a concern to me because it affects our perception of God. So I address no one in particular here:

Love and disciple are often viewed as two opposites. One is sweet and cuddly, and the other is pain and punishment.

Consider this verse:
"Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me" (Ps. 23)
How might these instruments of discipline be comforting? How does a shepherd use them to teach/guide/discipline his sheep?

Inflicting physical pain is NOT the ideal teaching tool, though not to be excluded. If it is overused or misused it has a tendency to backfire down the road. There are lots of other measures. For example: Consider the school of hard knocks: Let the child experience the consequences of his forgetfulness. Being cold one day should help him remember his coat next time. Then again, for some kids that measure may be foolish -- even life-threatening. Wisdom is needed.

I must admit that before I had kids, I knew exactly what to do. I was going to MAKE them be good. That reminds me of a saying:

"If you want to know how to raise kids ask someone who hasn't had any".

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Like me, parents tend to have lofty ideals when they start out. Why, we will NEVER be like those loser mothers in the supermarket!

But through experience and trials and complications of life, we realize we know very little, and we need God's help. We discover that we have been depending on our own strength and on others in our society to make it happen right. Our kids have a way of humbling us and pointing us God-ward. I speak for myself. I rejoice in what God has accomplished and is still accomplishing.

God bless you as you continue to open your hearts to him. Life is sure an adventure.

Diane

Re:, on: 2006/7/1 11:42

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Hmmm? If I understand you correctly, you perhaps think the best way to get the child to remember that hot pots and pans are not to be touched, would be to just to let them burn themselves, perhaps even disfigure their body? Indeed, wisdom is needed, but only simple wisdom.

Here's where it begins:

I'll just bet you never had a one of your children keep reaching for the candy dish after you said "don't touch", and meant it --- really meant it!

... On the other hand, you probably removed the candy dish ----you know, temptation and all that.

:Drm

Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/7/1 12:00

How many times the Lord uses the rod to chasten me and to guide me..praise HIM !

Proverbs 10:13

In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding

Proverbs 13:24

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Proverbs 22:15

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Proverbs 23:13-14

Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.
Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

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Correct our children and ourselves in accordance to HIS Word, lest GOD corrects us with them when they grow old. For HIS corrections = love.

In Christ, mamaluk

Re:, on: 2006/7/2 8:57

In an effort to make spiritual application permit me to first draw an analogy.

1. Let the child be our "self" nature.

2. Let the parent be the "soul" of us.

.... And thirdly let the other person wishing to enter into conversation/relationship with the parent/soul be the Holy Spirit.

Now what say you?

:-(rm

Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/7/2 10:05

Orm,

The child (self) yields himself to the other person (Holy Spirit) via the parent's (soul's) intimate relationship with God? (h mm, I just added one more on to your analogy.)

mml

Re:, on: 2006/7/2 11:42

The soul is the thing that must yield to the Spirit. Self must be made submissive to the soul that the soul be purified and made perfect in Christ. 1 Peter 1:22 (NASB-U)

"Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls"

Can you see that?

:-Drm

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Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/7/2 11:58

Ah, I see, nice!

There's just no way around to by pass obedience, is there?

Thanks :)

Re:, on: 2006/7/3 8:13

Tis a shame this thread continues to go unchallenged when so much is at stake.

:-)

Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/7/3 10:39

Ormlly,

Lately,I have been talking with a couple of believers, looking into some Scriptures and commentaries over the difference or lack of difference between: Soul/Self/Flesh/Sensual Man/Natural Man.

Watchman Nee, emphasized much over what he called the 'soulish' man vs. the spiritual man. In ICor 2:14, in KJV, we see "the natural man", but Nee quoted it to be the "soulish man". In my Bible, it has the Greek word "psukikos" next to 'n atural man" on the margin, which supposedly means the psychy of a man. Isn't psychy the same as the soul, which consists our natural emotions, desires, affection..?

Self and soul are different entities in your analogy,and I had no trouble seeing it that way too.

The 3 roles in the analogy, could I arrange them to be :

child = self, sin nature. in the flesh (old-self)

parent= self, new nature, in Christ

man = Word or the Holy Spirit, who tries to get our attention.

So now it goes like:

When our sin nature takes over (when the child acts up), the Holy Spirit (that man) draws us and corrects us, enables us to live in the new nature (the parent) by us having to deny the sins of the flesh?

Okay, it's getting confusing, sorry..

:)

mamaluk

Re:, on: 2006/7/3 11:36

I hear what you are saying/questioning and Nee is correct. An incorrect perspect can lead us astray especially if our desire is to protect the thing we cherish either in our "selves" or even from outside ourselves, as in "I want that new car and I don't care how much costs".

There many reasons a parent CAN have for insulting you by allowing the child to have its way. All reasons would be wrong unless the child was in danger. The scriptures clearly state that the soul must deny its-self.i.e., The parent must deny the child for reasons of instructing him; bringing direction into his life.

Now ask the question, when? Or under what circumstances is the "self" of us to be denied except when self is at odds with promptings of the the Holy Spirit or the spirit of the individual that is bringing conviction into the situation. There are times when we say, "I don't know about that, something in my spirt didn't seem to agree with me and I checked my 'self' in the matter."

We must remember that the soul is our mind, will and emotions that can be greatly affected by temptations/solicitations

and evil. With the seeking Christian, challenging evil is mostly to do with overcoming covert "worthlessness" rather than overt iniquity.

"Worthlessness" OOPS! I mean foolishness is bound up in the heart of a "self", I mean child" :-?

Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/7/3 12:22

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Psalm 39:6

Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them

1 Corinthians 3:20

And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

Absolutely right, the mind, for the most part, when controlled by lusts, "...the lust the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life", can bring disaster to a Christian life. The only way I find helpful, is to draw near to God through Scriptures, and fill my mind with them.

Denying the old self is a 24/7 task for me, just by reviewing the above verses, seriously, can anyone afford to boast, ever, in self, without the preservation of the Triune God?

2 Peter 3:2

That ye may be *mindful* of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour

Crsschk brought out the issue of contentment yesterday, surely verses like

1 Timothy 6:6

But godliness with contentment is great gain

Philippians 4:11

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

1 Timothy 6:8

And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee

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No worries young Lady, Its always a joy when someone is able to receive without the need to play "oneupsmanship". Thank you.

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Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2006/7/3 13:12

Haha,

You got me, I went right back to "me",self, again. This stinking old self...never wants to leave, may be that's why Paul said in Romans 7:24,

"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death"

haha,"oneupsmanship", you

mean "oneupswomanship" !? Nah, I don't have the needs to win a conversation or to have the last say. In doing that, it would become a manifestation of self-love. Self-esteem, self-aggrandizement, self-worship, self-righteousness, self.....
hmm.

Please do remember me in your prayer that I'll be ever so conscious of loving Him more than pampering self.

mamaluk

Re:, on: 2006/7/3 13:23

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