

The Greatest Thing Since Sliced Bread

A well-dressed young man saw a breath-takingly gorgeous woman walk past Macy's in the mall. He was so smitten that he walked behind her as she made her way toward the center of the mall.

The lady observed his reflection in the store windows as she passed them and finally turned and demanded: "Why are you following me?"

He responded innocently, "Because you are the most gorgeous woman I have ever seen, and I have fallen madly in love with you at first sight."

The woman smiled and answered, "I think you need to look behind you at my younger sister who is a whole lot more beautiful than I."

The opportunistic suitor turned around quickly and noticed what he thought to be an average looking young woman walking toward him.

"That woman is no where near as attractive as you," he lamented. "You lied to me!"

"No, you lied to me," she countered. "If you were so madly in love with me, why did you look at anyone else?"

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His answer was a case of a 'Definitely Maybe'! He claimed he definitely thought she was the greatest thing since sliced bread -- and then he thought maybe there's greater sliced bread.

What's amazing is, we do that all of the time. 'Definitely Maybe' people live their lives out of a chronic 'yes -- no' perspective. They short-change themselves because they 'under mind' themselves. These folks are decisively indecisive.

* Sure I can. No I can't! * I absolutely want that. Okay, maybe I don't. * I'll never do that again. Or maybe....

"We are unable to serve two masters," Jesus shares in Matt. 6:24, "for either we will hate the one, and love the other; or else hold on to one and despise the other. We cannot serve God and physical substance."

What He's saying is: 'definitely maybe' doesn't work. You cannot steal second base with your foot on first. You cannot squeeze orange juice out of a watermelon. You cannot put the toothpaste you've squeezed out back into the tube. And you cannot walk the spiritual path on materialistic feet.

A 'definitely maybe' mind set typically ends up sending confusing messages. The following story is an example. A televangelist stopped a few girl scouts at the street corner and requested directions to the post office.

"Down this street two blocks. You'll pass girl scouts selling cookies, so buy some, then turn to your right," the oldest youngster replied.

"You appear to be a bright young lady," said the televangelist. "Have you ever watched my nationally televised broadcast?"

"Nope"

"Well, if you will watch Channel 22 tomorrow morning with your folks, I'll explain to you how to get to Heaven."

"Aw, I doubt it mister. You don't even know how to get to the post office."

What kind of mixed messages do we send if we affirm, on the one hand, that there is only One Presence, One Power, and One Intelligence in the Universe and then at the first sign of trouble give power to outer appearances?

Imagine that we say we are one with the Inexhaustible Source of our abundant supply -- and then worry constantly about finances?

We have the ability to be persistent about our truth walks. We also have the power to give away that power. Some folks like sliced bread. Others like an uncut loaf of bread. Some people prefer slices of Truth. Others want the whole Truth -- unbiased, uninterpreted, and non-dogmatic -- so they can create their own interpretations. The important thing is to be able to stand for something instead of falling for anything.

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