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An Act of Kindness Can Go a Long Ways

For a week or so I've been doing a lot of thinking about the way people are treated. I've looked at myself and realized there have been times where I haven't always been at my best and I imagine that is the case with everyone from time to time. I was listening to Jason Crab, singer and preacher, a couple nights ago and he was saying that he messes up all the time. He said that while he messes up, he also has a God that forgives him when that happens.

I read the following story about the way a young man treated an individual that came into his



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store. I realized that we must always be on guard with our words and our actions. They speak volumes to others.

A 19-year-old employee at a local Dairy Queen served more than ice cream at his Hopkins, Minnesota, store on September 10. He stood up for a blind man after his twenty dollar bill, dropped on the ground, was scooped up by a sighted customer who refused to give it back.

A typed letter of commendation now hangs on the wall of the DQ shop after a third customer saw the whole scene unfold and couldn't believe how Joey Prusak, the manager of the DQ, had handled the situation, going above and beyond what anyone could expect.

Joey, who is the store's manager, asked the elderly woman to return the money but she claimed the money was hers. Then, he flatly states he won't serve her unless she gives back the cash. When she still refused to do the right thing, he asked her to leave.

"He stayed calm and never gave her any attitude," wrote the onlooker in an email to Dairy Queen headquarters. "What happened next I would have never expected."

"Your employee... took out his wallet and said, 'Sir, on behalf of Dairy Queen I would like to give you the \$20 bill you dropped.'"

Joey's display of generosity shocked the onlooker who stated in his email that his "fate" had been "forever sealed" as a "life long customer" after experiencing such "outstanding customer service".

A co-worker was impressed by what happened and posted the message on Facebook, according to KARE-11 TV. Others shared it and now it has now gone viral.

Quote of the Week

" Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again."

~ Og Mandino ~

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A verse in Luke 6:31 says, "Think of the kindness you wish others would show you; do the same for them." (The Voice). As you and I think about Joey Prusak, what would we have done? We run into people everyday that need to be shown kindness. It might be that driver in front of us on the highway that just cut us off. It might be that rude person in the store. Or it might be just the words we choose to say or an action we show that is not kind. It might be to a neighbor or even a family member.

The bottom line is we should always be kind to one another. Think what our world would be like if we acted out in kindness more often.

By Ron Nelson



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Update on Anthony and Kristin Nelson

They have arrived in Bethel, Alaska. They are currently looking for permanent housing and awaiting their household goods and furniture. Please keep them in your prayers.



