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USEFUL

This is a beautiful story from an unknown source. "In 1979, I was managing a Wendy's in Port Richey Florida. Unlike today, staffing was never a real problem, but I was searching for a someone to work three hours a day only at lunch. I went thru all my applications and most were all looking for full time or at least 20 hours per week. I found one however, buried at the bottom of a four-inch stack that was only looking for lunch part-time. His name was Nicky. Hadn't met him but thought I would give him a call and see if he could stop by for an interview. When I called, he wasn't in but his mom said she would make sure he would be there. At the accorded time, Nicky walked in. One of those moments when my heart went in my throat. Nicky suffered from Downs Syndrome. His physical appearance was a giveaway and his speech only

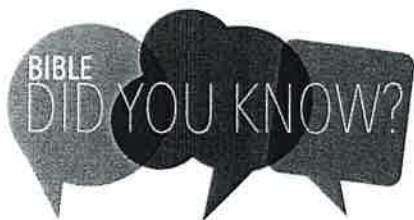
reinforced the obvious. I was young and sheltered. Had never interacted on a professional level with a developmentally disabled person. I had no clue what to do, so I went ahead and interviewed him. He was a wonderful young man. Great outlook. Task focused. Excited to be alive. For only reasons God knew at that time, I hired him. 3 hours a day, 3 days a week to run a grill. I let the staff know what to expect. We had a crew meeting, cleared the air, and prepared for his arrival. Nicky showed up for work right on time. He was so excited to be working. He stood at the time clock literally shaking with anticipation. He clocked in and started his training. Couldn't multi task, but was a machine on the grill. Now for the fascinating part..... Back in that day, there were no computer screens to work from. Every order was

called by the cashier. It required a great deal of concentration on the part of all production staff to get the order right. While Nicky was training during his first shift, the sandwich maker next to him asked the grillman/trainer what was on the next sandwich. Nicky replied, "single, no pickle no onion." A few minutes later it happened again. It was then that we discovered Nicky had a hidden and valuable skill. He memorized everything he heard! Photographic hearing! WHAT A SKILL SET. It took 3 days and every sandwich maker requested to work with Nicky. He immediately was accepted by the entire crew. After his shift he would join the rest of his crew family, drinking Coke like it was water! It was then that they discovered another Rainman-esque trait. Nicky was a walking/talking perpetual calendar! With a perpetual calendar as a reference, they would sit for hours asking him what day of the week was December 22, 1847. He never missed. This uncanny trait mesmerized the crew. His mom would come in at 2 to pick him up. More times than not, the crew would be back there with him hamming it up. As I went to get him from the back, his mom said something I will never forget. "Let him stay there as long as he wants. He has

never been accepted anywhere like he has been here." I excused myself and dried my eyes, humbled and broken hearted at the lesson I just learned. Nicky had a profound impact on that store. His presence changed a lot of people. Today I believe with every fiber of my body that Nicky's hiring was no accident. God's timing and will is perfect. We are all like Nicky. We each have our shortcomings. We each have our strong points. But we are all of value. God made us that way and God doesn't make mistakes. Nicky certainly wasn't a mistake. He was a valuable gift that I am forever grateful for. God doesn't care if you are rich or poor, republican or democrat or black or white. He doesn't care if your chromosome structure is perfect. He doesn't care what level of education you have attained. He cares about your heart. He wants us all to love and appreciate the gift HE gave us. His son, the Savior, our salvation. His Son that was born to die for our sins. To pay our debt. To provide us a path for eternity. So let's check our hearts. There is a little bit of Nicky in all of us and I suspect there is a Nicky somewhere in your life that is looking for the chance to be embraced. Thank God for that. Thank God for His

perfect gift, Christ Jesus.” This is such a great reminder that God has carved out a special place for all of us. It’s a beautiful reminder that we were never destined as individuals be all of what God needs in our own usefulness, but this is what makes us all so individually uniquely perfect in the imperfect way we all work together. Each of us has a unique quality that God can use, and how much more we glorify and honor God when we unite together to pull all of those unique traits together to be the united form of humanity honoring God’s creation. “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the

sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body,” 1 Cor. 12:12-20. – Daniel Ruegg



“A man who hardens his neck after much reproof will suddenly be broken beyond remedy. When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules, people groan. A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad. But he who keeps company with harlots wastes his wealth. The king gives stability to the land by justice, but a man who takes bribes overthrows it. A man who flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his steps. By transgression an evil man is ensnared, but the righteous sings and rejoices.”
Prov. 29:1-6

BIBLE TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

DIRECTIONS: After searching through your Bible, circle which answer is correct.

1. The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He _____ it wherever He wishes.

- a) Smacks
- b) Turns
- c) Splashes
- d) Drains

2. To do righteousness and justice is desired by the LORD more than _____.

- a) Teaching
- b) Love
- c) Worship
- d) Sacrifice

3. The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of _____.

- a) Death
- b) Stupidity
- c) Vanity
- d) Candy

4. The violence of the wicked will drag them away, because they refuse to act with _____.

- a) Selfishness
- b) Beauty
- c) Gold
- d) Justice

5. The way of a guilty man is _____, but as for the pure, his conduct is upright.

- a) Crooked
- b) Beautiful
- c) Suspicious
- d) Odd

6. Exercise of justice is _____ for the righteous, but is terror to the workers of iniquity.

- a) Punished
- b) Ignored
- c) Shamed
- d) Joy

7. It is better to live in a desert land than with a contentious and _____ woman.

- a) Ugly
- b) Lying
- c) Vexing
- d) Silly

8. There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the _____, but a foolish man swallows it up.

- a) Rich
- b) Wise
- c) Sneaky
- d) Industrious

9. A false witness will _____, but the man who listens to the truth will speak forever.

- a) Laugh
- b) Boast
- c) Perish
- d) Triumph

10. A wicked man displays a _____ face, but as for the upright, he makes his way sure.

- a) Confused
- b) Ridiculous
- c) Sheepish
- d) Bold

- 1) B, Reference: Prov. 21:1
 2) D, Reference: Prov. 21:3
 3) A, Reference: Prov. 21:6
 4) D, Reference: Prov. 21:7
 5) A, Reference: Prov. 21:8
 6) D, Reference: Prov. 21:15
 7) C, Prov. 21:19
 8) B, Prov. 21:20
 9) C, Prov. 21:28
 10) D, Prov. 21:29