

## Parable of the Value of an Apple Pie

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Here's a little something for your supper," the lady said. "Thank you very much," said Jim. On arrival home, he opened the package and told his brother, "Isn't that marvelous, a delicious apple pie!"

"What's so wonderful about that?" said Dick. "You can get one bigger than that at the bakery for a couple of dollars." "I know, but this was for nothing, and it was baked especially for me. It makes me happy all over. It's wonderful to me." "Well, I can't see anything so wonderful about a little pie." "That's it," said Jim, "you just don't get it."

One of the tragedies of life is that many folks just don't get it.

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's arrived at the clinic to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am.

While taking care of his wound, the attendant asked him if he had another doctor's appointment, as he was in such a hurry. The gentleman said no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. The attendant inquired as to her health was told that his wife had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's Disease.

When asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late, the man replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

Surprised, the attendant asked him, "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?" The man smiled, and replied, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."

True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have. Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain it brings.

"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." (Matthew 7:25)