

Revenge

If we believe God's road map of life will lead us over, through, under or around the burdensome, tiring and exasperating obstacles of daily existence, we should read the "road signs."

None of us in an ordinary state of mind would continue pell-mell down a highway that displays a sign "bridge out." We could get a free flying lesson, but "stop of the drop" would be our last mortal experience.

Getting revenge is much like speeding past the warning sign of disaster, for the result can be more lethal spiritually than we can foresee. I have a case where a wife caught her husband with another woman. She was enraged. She had been with him for 31 years and he was unfaithful to her! Why, she asked? The other woman was 35 years old, sleek and attractive. The wife was 80 lbs. overweight and wouldn't go out! Her house was her life. She spent her time making a beautiful home and ... eating! She had no time for her husband. He had no home life, only his police work. A secretary was very cordial and listened to him. They became embroiled in an affair for two years.

Now the wife wants him out. He left. Then she wants to hurt him as deeply as she is hurt. Revenge is NOT the answer, but forgiveness is! "Do you, Chaplain, believe the adulterers should be forgiven?" Well, W.W.J.D.? What would Jesus do? He would forgive, wouldn't he? That is also a road sign. Does one just allow an errant spouse to come back and potentially bring disease to his wife? No. But forgiveness and health concerns must be addressed sometime before relations are resumed.

But the wife wants to inflict pain. How about that? Shouldn't she be allowed retribution?" Think about this: "Never set into motion any action that you cannot control to its end or foresee the outcome of!" Life is full of surprises, some good, some devastating. It is better to let God handle desperation rather than we shortsighted mortals.

"If you choose to step into God's shoes, you'd better have big feet!"

Be safe out there! You are in my prayers daily!

In his name,
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