

# moral perspectives Rev. David Strong

## Church people need a good sense of humor

Church people shudder when their denomination is attacked. A fight brews between Sister Mansour and Archbishop Sokka and people in that church are reacting to the public debate. United Methodists are reacting to an attack upon National Council of Churches programs misrepresented by the Reader's Digest Magazine and the Detroit News.

It is often difficult for religious people to deal with conflict. We are apt to become defensive, or attack in return. Most of these recent issues reflect the church's involvement in the needs of the world. Some will say it would be safer if "religion" would stick to religion.

Yet the debate over these issues is a healthy sign that religion is again in the marketplace.

When church people are tempted to become defensive the best choice to take is to turn to humor. I attended a church dinner the other night. The minister joked that those who read the Detroit News had to go to the back of the dinner line. The Detroit News had just made allegations against his denomination.

THE ALLEGATIONS suggest something good. The churches involved are willing to risk as they meet human needs. In a polarized and revolutionary world risking meeting human need will plunge a church into potentially compromising situations. When such situations are distorted by the press and television, humor is the best response.

Rev. John Ferris, minister of Rice

"SECOND, DO YOU support any government which is hostile to Samaritans? Third, do you approve of Samaria's economic policies in developing nations? Fourth, have you made any statements critical of the Samaritan way of life or ever criticized Samaria as a flawed nation?"

"Fifth, are you a romantic naïve person" who believes that social and economic justice is of equal importance to the freedom we Samaritans enjoy? Sixth, before I give you any food or medical supplies, I need to have you sign an affidavit that you won't use them to benefit anyone who is unfriendly to Samaria."

By this time the man died for lack of care. The Samaritan continues on his journey thinking, "Oh, well, at least I know that my money won't go to any questionable causes."

## gerontology A. Jolayne Farrell

## Gift giving suggestions

Dear Jo: How about a column on gift suggestions for older persons?

Ms. M.B.: The most welcome gifts are family mementos, particularly family pictures, or enlarged snapshots from the older person's past. Gifts that go along with interests, hobbies and past careers are rated second.

Perhaps because older people feel the cold more, warm clothing is still very high on the list for both men and women. Cardigan sweaters are preferred, not only for their warmth, but they are easily put on by a person with the stiffness associated with arthritis. Both bright and neutral colors complement gray/white hair. Others warm gifts are bedsocks that cover the ankle, lap afghans and shawls. Men like wool or wool-blend shirts for everyday wear.

Homemade baking, English assorted cookies, a tin of hard candies and assorted fruit and cheese basket were the food items preferred by a Beamsville, Ontario group I interviewed.

For \$4 in the United States and \$5.50 in Canada, a membership for your older relatives can be purchased in the American Association of Retired Persons. As part of the membership, the older person receives a subscription to the magazine, Modern Maturity, and the AARP news bulletin. The older person is kept aware of current issues on

aging. The address: AARP, 215 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, Cal. 90801.

Other membership gifts in local organizations such as exercise classes at the Y are well received.

Also service gifts such as paid visits of the health care podiatrist can encourage the older person to get out of the house while otherwise they may not.

There are many excellent books on the market. Three that I recommend are: "The View in Winter: Reflection in Old Age" by Ronald Blythe, published by Penguin Books; "The View from 80" by Malcolm Cowley, published by the Viking Press; and "Old Enough to Feel Better: A Most Guide for Seniors" by Michael Gordon, published by the Chilton Book Co. in the U.S. and by Nelson in Canada.

Some novel gift suggestions by the group in Beamsville are small jigsaw puzzles with fairly large pieces, playing cards with the numbers and faces enlarged, notes with stamps, small plants, either imitation or real for the windowsill, monthly telephone calls, a small flashlight to keep at the bedside for getting up at night and a subscription for the weekend editions of the newspaper.

My final suggestion is video games — although expensive, older people like them too. It may take a little longer to learn how to play them but then, look out.

## consumer mailbag Grace Gluskin of Concern, Inc.

## How to cut hot water costs

I know I can cut fuel costs by cutting hot water use, but I really don't know how to go about it, other than constant nagging about shorter showers, etc. Are there any hidden ways that won't make me seem like such a nag to my family? I think they tune me out most of the time anyway.

Hanna C. Detroit

Once cheap and plentiful, hot water can now cost the typical family up to \$500 annually. That's the bad news. The good news is that there are several ways to cut those bills without your family's awareness and still enjoy a hot bath on a cold night. Some methods are free, some can cost a few dollars. But all will reduce your overall costs.

The simplest no-cost way to cut bills is to lower the temperature of your hot water. You can save up to 12 percent in water heating energy by lowering the temperature by 20 degrees. If the controls of your water heater are set at 140 degrees you can easily lower it to 120 degrees without any noticeable effect on your daily routine.

If you do not have a dishwasher,

which often requires the 140-degree temperature, you can save additionally by setting the temperature on your hot water heater to 120 degrees. When on vacation, turn the water heater off.

Another no-cost measure that is too often overlooked is to repair leaky faucets. A leak that fills a cup in 10 minutes wastes 3,000 gallons of water in a year.

The cheapest low-cost way to cut the expense of hot water use is to install aerators on all faucets. They reduce the flow and cost about \$1. Flow restrictors on shower heads also offer savings and cost about \$5.

And, perhaps most important, keep your hot water heater clean and in good repair. You can improve efficiency and reduce running costs by draining off sediment deposits monthly. Just open the faucet at the base of the tank and drain the water into a pail until it runs clean.

Consumer Mailbag answer your questions. Address mail to: Grace R. Gluskin c/o Concern, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy 48068.

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