

## The Man Who Met God

There was a drunk walking down the street. He'd been there before, but this time, as he was walking, he met God. Now God had something in His hand and it looked good to the drunk.

He asked God "What do you have in your hand Lord?" God answered, "Sobriety, I have sobriety in my hand."

The drunk said "God that looks good to me, I'd like to have it. What would it cost me?" So, God said to the drunk, "What do you have to offer me for it?"

The drunk says, "well, I have \$50." God says, "Well for you it will cost \$50."

The drunk, who now (*like most of us drunks will*) starts to back out of the deal and he says to God "Well, I'd like sobriety, but if I give you my \$50 then I won't be able to buy gas for my car."

God then says "Oh, you have a car? Sobriety will cost you the car too."

So now the drunk is bargaining with God "Well if I give you my car also, then I won't be able to get to work!" God then says "You have a job....sobriety will cost you your job also!"

The drunk then tell God "If I give you my job then I won't be able to make the payments on my house." God says "You have a house! I thought you lived down by the tracks in a card board box! No, sobriety will cost you your house too!"

The drunk says to God "If I give you my house then I won't have anyplace to take care of my wife and children." God says to the drunk "You have a family? Sobriety will cost you your family also....."

Then the drunk says "God if I give you my family, then I will have no reason to live." God says, "Yes, sobriety will cost you your life too!"

Now, the drunk being just at the right state of drunkenness, takes God up on the deal and he becomes sober.

One day he is again walking down the street, sober this time. He may have been coming from an AA meeting or from a twelve step call. In any event, he meets God again.

God says "How is that sobriety treating you?"

The (*former*) drunk says "Oh it's wonderful!"

God says " Good! Now here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to give you your \$50 back. But only so that you can buy gas for the car which I'm also giving you back, but remember, that it's no longer your car, it's MY car and it's only a loan to you. You may have to take drunks to meetings with it and even wipe puke off of the floorboards as a result of it.

I'm also giving you back your job so you can pay for a house. Now this house is not your house, it's MY house. You may have to house a drunk from time to time for a while to help them.

I'm also giving you your family back, but remember now, they are not YOUR wife and kids any longer, they are MINE and you will treat them as such!

I'm also going to give you your life back, but it's no longer YOUR life, it's MY life and you will have to take my direction on how to use it....."

Well so the story goes and as for me, I know that anything that I have is not mine any longer, it's Gods. As long as I remember that, life seems to work well for me. When I don't, then my life starts to get troublesome.... God bless you...