

CAREFUL, YOUR HORNS ARE SHOWING!

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I was sitting in a restaurant trying to eat in a hurry while reading through my notes before my presentation. I overheard a customer talking rather loudly and rudely to the waiter. It obviously caught my attention as with a few others nearby. The customer was making ridiculous complaints about nothing. First it was that she didn't like where they seated her, then it was the drink, followed by her complaints about the meal and so on. The waiter always kept her composure and was quite professional and I admired that. I admit it was noisy in the restaurant but it's to be expected with a lunch crowd in a downtown business district. The customer continued to complain and then even after they finished, she had the nerve to demand a refund for the meal because she said the food was not cooked well. I wanted to personally go over and say *“hey lady, you need to get a grip, you just ate most your food and now you want to complain? Sounds like you're trying to get a free meal.”*

When the waiter didn't offer it to her she asked for the manager and fortunately he wasn't there, so she yelled at her some more. Eventually, she left but not without saying a few more choice words to the waiter. From observation this probably wasn't the first time she had done this.

We find a lot of this kind of hostility in the service industry these days. Some people must think they carry an **“unlimited rudeness card”** with them. They are always on edge about little of nothing. The way the customer acted is a lot like how some people treat others; especially ones they don't know. They take the position that if you are serving them you are supposed to endure whatever they throw at you.

I am here to deliver a message to those who treat others with hostility and rudeness: **“BE CAREFUL, YOUR HORNS ARE SHOWING”**. **You’re acting like the devil you can be.** The bible says, **“you reap what you sow.”** It means, whatever you dish out to someone you can expect it to return to you at some point -----just like a boomerang.

Matthew 22:39 tells us we should *“love our neighbor as we love ourselves.”* **Ephesians 4** reminds us to *“Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as Christ forgives and treats you.”* And *“Do not let corrupt talk come out of your mouth.”* Learn to be pleasant and kin. Is it really so hard to be courteous?

Perhaps you had a bad day, or someone treated you badly, don’t take it out on anyone else. Always ask yourself before you act viciously, *is this the way I would want someone to treat me?* If you said no, then change your demeanor. **No one has to tell you when you’re being rude and nasty, you know it.**

If you answered yes, or you just don’t care then keep in mind at some point you will meet up with the same and it just maybe from someone you like or admire...that would hurt.

God has a way of allowing us to experience things to teach us, when we fail to see in ourselves or refuse to correct what we know we should.

My motto -----

Be You Best Always

Take Care

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