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## Custodian Wins Big at “The Price Is Right”

Monday, September 26—The Young Adults trip to “The Price Is Right” had arrived.

Our group met in the church parking at 4:30 a.m. to car-pool down to Los Angeles. We left with twelve people and we knew we needed fifteen to hang onto our reservation, but we had hope that we could find three more.

Mike Richmond was there to take Pastor Dieleman’s place because he had to cancel at the last minute.

Once we parked, we started walking towards the studio. Ron Ipema noticed three people walking together and asked them if they had tried for tickets to get into the show. They said they had tried but were only

able to get on the stand by list. Ron invited them to join our group and they agreed. We now had the fifteen people we needed to get into the show.

The process to get into the



Mike Richmond proudly wearing the “The Price Is Right” name tag.

show which included filling out paperwork, nametags, checking id’s, and interviews took about 3 1/2 hours. During this process the group had

a great time joking around and sharing dreams of winning a big prize.

Once we entered the studio there was a great feeling of excitement. Shortly after being seated announcer, Rich Fields (the man who says “Come on Down!”), came out and got the crowd even more worked up.

By the time Bob Barker came out, there was pandemonium. Everyone was clapping and cheering as loud as they could.

Then came the big moment. The lights came on, cameras were rolling and Rich Fields began calling people out of the audience. The cheering and clapping was louder than ever.

## Personal Devotion— How do I respond to the needs of others?

Read Philippians 4:1-23

We don't need to go very far to find a person in need. There may be a neighbor having health problems who could use a meal cooked or yard mowed. There may be a coworker who is having a problem and simply needs a listening ear. There may be a stranger standing in the unemployment line who could use a

hot meal. Some of these people may be believers, others may not. In this light, some represent a means for demonstrating Christian love to a brother or sister in Christ, while others represent an open door to share about Christ. Both are things we as Christians are to be about.

Most people feel little responsibility toward other believers

and often miss opportunities to express concern for them. Either they are too busy, feel awkward about helping someone, or are too concerned about themselves to make a difference. When it comes to expressing love for other people, Christians ought to be setting the standard.



The specially designed shirt worn by the Young Adults group. The show will air Tuesday morning November 22. Tune in and watch for our group. We are the ones in bright green.

Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

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YOU ALWAYS SAID I SHOULD LOOK FOR THE TALENTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME

## Custodian Wins Big at "The Price Is Right" (continued)

Contestants filed into "Contestants Row," and prizes were rolled out onto the stage. The entire audience yells out prices as the contestants try to bid on prizes and play pricing games.

Everything seemed to be moving so fast. It wasn't long before they were ready to call down the final contestant of the day. The group was losing hope that one of us would be called to "Contestant's Row."

Rich Fields calls the last name, "Mike Richmond, come on down. You're the next contestant on the Price Is Right!" Our group exploded with cheers as

Mike made his way down to the stage.

Mike would now only have one chance to get up on the big stage to play a pricing game. He had to bid on a fireplace. He placed his opening bid and everyone around him said he was too low. But surprising to those around him, Mike had placed the winning bid.

Mike walked up and shook Bob Barker's hand as Bob revealed the prize Mike would be playing for. "It's a new car!"

Mike would be playing for a 2005 PT Cruiser. The game he had to play was the "The Dice Game." He had to roll dice to match the numbers in the price

of the car. If he did not roll the correct number he had to guess if the correct number was higher or lower.

As Mike rolled the dice, the group yelled out higher or lower. The suspense built as Bob revealed one by one that Mike had guessed all of the numbers correctly. Mike had won the biggest prize of the day up to that point.

Mike went on to spin the big wheel and missed the \$1 by one click to be in the showcase. It didn't matter. The day was a success and Mike had still won big.

Congratulations Mike!

### DO YOU HAVE A "YES" FACE?

During his days as president, Thomas Jefferson and a group of companions were traveling across the country on horseback. They came to a river which had left its banks because of a recent downpour. The swollen river had washed the bridge away. Each rider was forced to ford the river on horseback, fighting for his life against the rapid currents. The very real possibility of death threatened each rider, which caused a traveler who was not part of their group to step aside and watch. After several had plunged in and made it to the other side, the stranger asked President Jefferson if he would ferry him across the river. The president agreed without hesitation. The man climbed on, and shortly thereafter the two of them made it safely to the other side. As the stranger slid off the back of the saddle onto dry ground, one in the group asked him, "Tell me, why did you select the president to ask this favor of?" The man was shocked, admitting he had no idea it was the president who had helped him. "All I know," he said, "Is that on some of your faces was written the answer 'No,' and on

some of them was the answer 'yes.' His was a 'Yes' face."

Swindol, *The Grace Awakening*, Word, 1990

We will all go through various struggles and trials and face difficulties that may seem ready to "pull us under" like the river in this illustration. When we are in these tough times do we have a "Yes" face or a "No" face?

In I Peter 3:15 we are told to "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." People who are skeptical of Christians will be looking for ways you are different from others who have not committed their lives to Christ. One way we show we are different is how we handle disappointments and tragedies in our lives. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrew 6:19) When others see us go through tough times and still keep our focus on our

Savior they see Christ in us. When trials hit, many people lose their bearings because they do not have a foundation to fall back on. Our God gives us a firm foundation in His promises and He gives us His word to encourage us in all situations.

As we go through times of uncertainty and struggling, are we approachable? It's easy to isolate ourselves when we are hurting or troubled by circumstances and/or people around us. Those times, however, may be our best opportunity to witness and minister to someone else. There may be a friend, co-worker, neighbor or fellow student that is having the same difficulties. When we are open to others, their encouragement as well as their questions, we may be able to help them come to a new understanding of the hope that is in us. We need to be filled with gentleness and respect even when we are hurting inside. By being approachable we show others our "Yes" face. Then we can help them across the river to the new life of salvation waiting on the other side.