

Prayer – and a Motorcycle

A woman was at work when she received a telephone call that her daughter was very ill with a fever. She left the office and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication for the child.

She returned to find that she had locked the keys inside the car when she went into the pharmacy and was now unable to get into her car to drive home.

She was about to panic, so she called home and told the babysitter what had happened and that she didn't know what to do. The babysitter advised her to find a coat hanger and see if that would open the door.

The woman looked around and found an old, rusty coat hanger that had been thrown on the ground, possibly by someone else who also had locked his or her keys in their car. But she looked at the coat hanger and murmured to herself, "I don't know how to use this." So she bowed her head and asked God to send her some help.

In so doing, she obeyed the command to never stop praying. Do you think God would reward her for that?

Within five minutes, a motorcycle roared up and pulled into the parking space next to her car. A rough, dirty-looking biker got off and saw her situation. He asked if he could help her.

Sizing up the motorcycle rider, the woman thought, "And this is what you sent to help me, God?"

She finally told him yes, as she needed to hurry and get home to her sick daughter. The motorcycle rider walked over to the car, and in less than one minute the car was opened.

In deep gratitude, she hugged the man and, through her tears, she said, "Thank you so much! You are such a nice man."

The man replied, "No, I'm not, Lady. I just go out of prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again, and with tears of joy flowing down her cheeks, cried out to God, "Lord, you are so good to me. You even sent me a professional."

At least three observations are apparent about this story:

1. Help may come from unexpected sources.
2. As William Cowper's hymn declares: God moves in a mysterious way.
3. Our Lord has a sense of humor.

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