

Questions on the Beach

A young woman was soaking up the sun's rays on a Florida beach when a little boy in his swimming trunks, carrying a towel, came up to her and asked her: "Do you believe in God?"

She was surprised by the question, but replied, "Why, yes, I do."

Then he asked her, "Do you go to church every Sunday?"

Again, her answer was "Yes!"

Then he asked, "Do you read your Bible and pray every day?"

Again she said "Yes!" By now, her curiosity was very much aroused.



At last, the boy sighed and said, with obvious relief, "Well, then, will you hold my quarter while I go in swimming?"

We can chuckle at the conversation, but the foundational principle is obvious. If we bear the name Christian, honesty and ethical living should be our hallmarks. People – even unbelievers – expect that of us.

That is why, when a follower of Christ in a high-profile position misses the mark God has set for us – and we all do; none is perfect – that so much is made of the transgression in the media.

It behooves us, therefore, to be mindful of our conduct, and by our behavior, bring honor to the name of the Lord we serve. In so doing, we give a witness to His love and His grace.

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