

The Funeral for Homer

The Reverend Don Holsapple, a Baptist minister, tells the story on himself about the time he received a call from a woman who was quite upset over the death of her pet cat, Homer.

She wanted the preacher to conduct the funeral service for Homer. Holsapple explained that this was a little out of his line and referred her to a friend, a Presbyterian pastor at a church down the street.

Later, Holsapple learned that the Presbyterian preacher had referred her to a Methodist minister, who had referred her to someone else. About an hour later, she called Holsapple back, still upset.

The woman said she was at her wits' end, couldn't find a preacher to conduct Homer's service, and didn't know what to do. She said she planned to give \$1,000 to the church of the minister who performed the service for Homer.

Holsapple said it took him only a moment to mull the situation over, and then he said to her, "Well, why didn't you tell me Homer was a Baptist cat in the first place?"

Even under the best of circumstances, money does influence our perceptions!

And with that little bit of humor, I pray that your week is off to a great start.

– Beecher Hunter