

# The Numbing of the Dentist

A newly licensed dentist had just opened his own practice in a popular strip mall.



He spent a lot of money on fancy signage and furnished his office with expensive antiques in the hopes of attracting and making a good impression on prospective clients.

One day, as he sat in his office with nothing to do, he saw a man approaching the front door. Wanting to appear busy, he picked up the office phone and pretended to consult with a client and arrange an appointment.

“I’ll be with you in a second,” the dentist whispered to the man.

After a few moments, the dentist wrapped up his faux call and turned his attention to the man in the waiting room.

“So sorry about that,” the dentist said. “Clients have been calling all day. So how can I help you?”

The man had a confused look on his face.

“Uh, I’m from the phone company,” he said to the dentist. “I was sent here to connect your phone.”

We chuckle at the story, but there are lessons nestled within the humor, such as ...

1. Be careful of assumptions. They may bite you.
2. Honesty – as my mother frequently said – is always the best policy.
3. Pretense generally does not lead to a good outcome.

*For we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of man* (2 Corinthians 8:21 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter