

## *The Walls of Jericho*

The new pastor of a rural church dropped into a Sunday School class and began quizzing the students to test the effectiveness of the teacher.

"Who knocked down the walls of Jericho?" he asked one boy.

"It sure weren't me, Reverend," the boy said.

Turning to the embarrassed teacher, the pastor exclaimed, "I suppose that's a sample of the kind of discipline you maintain!"

"Now, Reverend, Timmy's a good boy and doesn't tell lies. If he said he didn't do it, I believe him," the teacher responded.

Thoroughly upset, the pastor took the matter to the church's board of deacons.

After due consideration, the board sent the following message to the minister: "We see no point in making an issue of this incident. The board will pay for the damages to the wall and charge it to vandalism."

Personally, I think there should have been an investigation. Just who did knock down the walls of Jericho?

--Beecher Hunter