

Weighed in the Balances

A baker bought most of the ingredients he used from a local farmer.

This arrangement had been in place for quite some time before the baker began to think that he wasn't receiving full-pound bricks of butter from the farmer.

For several days, the baker weighed the butter after his supplies were delivered. As suspected, the butter was underweight.

The baker turned to the law to settle the matter, and soon the farmer was hauled into court to answer for his act of fraud.



"What kind of scale do you use?" the judge asked the farmer during the trial.

"I don't have a scale, your honor," the farmer replied.

"Then how can you weigh the butter that you sell?" the judge inquired.

"It's quite simple," the farmer said. "I have balances, and I use the one-pound loaf I buy from the baker as a weight."

What goes around, comes around, as the old saying goes.

That, of course, is a proverb meaning that a person's actions, whether good or bad, will have consequences for that person.

In the spiritual realm, we are reminded, as King Belshazzar discovered in Daniel 5:27, that we should so live that we are not "weighed in the balances and found wanting."

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