

Willing to Pay the Price

Michael had been pinching pennies for three months since being laid off from his janitorial job.

He had promised to take his twin sons to an amusement park for their 10th birthday, and he wasn't going to let them down.

So when the day rolled around, Michael went into the cash reserves and pulled together enough to pay the price of admission. At the ticket counter, he noticed a sign: *General Admission – \$10. Children Under 10 – \$5.*

He hesitated for a second. Just a day earlier, he could have saved \$5 for each of the boys – enough to buy their dinner.

“Can I help you?” asked the ticket clerk.

Michael swallowed, and said, “Three general admission tickets, please.”

“We're 10 years old today,” the boys chimed in proudly.

“You should have asked for two ‘under 10’ tickets,” the clerk whispered. “I'd never have known.”

“No,” Michael answered. “But they would have.”

What an example of character and integrity!

Being truthful, even when it costs us something – money and more – is a goal to which we all should aspire.

– Beecher Hunter