

Proverbs

The Mouth – Healthy Relationships Week 2 of 6

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Finally he said, "I'll have to go back and talk to the manager."

He went to the rear of the store to talk to the manager, not noticing that the woman was walking right behind him. When he got into the back of the store, he said to the manager, "There's some stupid old bag out there who wants to buy half a head of lettuce. What should I tell her?"

Seeing the horrified look on the face of the manager, he turned about and, seeing the woman, added, "And this nice lady wants to buy the other half of the head of lettuce. Will it be all right?"

Considerably relieved, the manager said, "That would be fine."

Later in the day, he congratulated the boy on his quick thinking. He then asked, "Where are you from, son?"

The boy said, "I'm from Toronto, Canada, the home of beautiful hockey players and ugly women."

The manager looked at him and said, "My wife is from Toronto."

The boy said, "Oh, what team did she play for?" (*Bruce Thielemann, "Because," Preaching Today, Tape No. 105.*)

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