

## The Dumbest Sinner

We all laugh when we watch the television program "The World's Dumbest Criminals", but what we do not realize is that there is a benefit that Jesus spoke of when encountering the world's dumbest sinners. In Matthew 5:11 Jesus said: "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

So you say, that's nice, but what does that mean? Well, every time someone does something unfair to you, something dishonest, cruel, or worse, they are following in the footsteps of the biggest loser of all, which is Satan. Think about it, every time someone does something to hurt you they are trying to convert you to Satan's way of doing things. More simply put, sinners love company. So when a friend says, "Hey let's go and get cigarettes." You know that person has no strength to sin against his parents' wishes on his own, and further, if you get caught, chances are he will say you made him do it. Such is the way of those who do not understand, neither are taught, the teachings of Jesus and the Bible.

Nicotine, which is in cigarettes, was formerly used as an insecticide. What an insecticide does, is attacks the nervous system. Those attacks on the nervous system lead to malfunctioning of vital organs and processes necessary for good health. So, would a friend of God encourage you to smoke? Alcohol has a similar but more dramatic effect on the body. So would a friend encourage you to drink?

Every time a sinner tries to engage you in behavior harmful to yourself or others, they are acting on Satan's behalf, however, when you resist, they have actually helped you to strengthen your faith and earn favor with God! ***So, isn't that stupid of the followers of Satan, to actually help you earn God's grace, seeing as they achieve the opposite result they intended?!?***

The simple point here is to realize that sinners are stupid. God wants to help you, He wants to be a comfort to you, and all He asks, is that you obey His commandments and seek Him. I cannot think of a better New Year's resolution and lesson to learn! God Bless You!

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