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# Here's the Scoop



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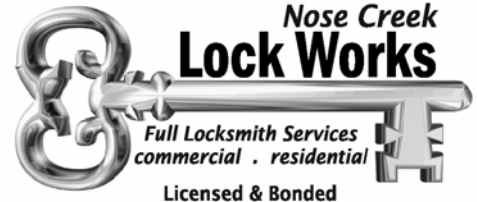
### The Difference Between Heaven And Hell

*Written By Al Jones*

As I look back over the past year, I have to say that we truly live in an incredible community. I look at how so many came together to help those in need. Merchants, volunteers, and students coming together to raise money for worthy causes. People coming together for community events such as rodeos, parades and the Festival of Lights. Others giving selflessly of their time to coach our children in various community sports such as hockey, football, basketball, soccer, baseball...just to name a few. Fundraisers for community initiatives, schools, churches and service groups, all donated to by local businesses and residents. As I reflect, I'm reminded of a story I once heard as a child in Sunday school. I don't know where the story originated, but I will try to retell it the best I can from memory.

A man was talking to his Maker one day, and queried as to the difference between heaven and hell. His Maker led him to a large room. The walls were lined with racks of warm clothing. In the centre of the room was a very large table. Upon the table, was the largest feast you could ever imagine. There was meat, bread, vegetables and sweets as far as the eye could see. There were nectars, juices, wine and water. Sitting around the table were hundreds of shivering, sickly looking, nude people that were so dehydrated and malnourished that their ribs were showing. Their arms were six feet long and they had no elbows, therefore they were unable to feed or dress themselves. The people moaned and cried as the agony of the situation overcame them. The Maker turned to the man and said, "You now know what hell is."

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the world will know peace."*

*Anonymous*

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Next they came to another very large room. Upon entering the room, the man noticed that again the walls were lined with racks of warm clothing. In the centre of the room was a table with a magnificent feast upon it. Again, there were hundreds of people sitting around the table, and they too had six foot long arms with no elbows. But the similarities ended there. These people were dressed warmly. They looked healthy and well fed. Instead of moaning and tears, there was joy and laughter. The man turned to his Maker and said, "How is this possible?" His Maker replied, "In heaven, people have learned to feed and dress each other. What someone is unable to do for themselves, someone else willingly does for them. Because of their willingness to help others, they live a wonderful life. But hell is full of people that have never learned to help or think of others. They only think of themselves. Therefore, they sit in constant despair and waste away in agony."

Now, I'm not a preacher by any means, folks, that was not the purpose of me reiterating this story. I simply wanted to pass this story on so that we might all stop and think about how lucky we truly are to live in a community so full of caring and helpful people. It's important that we remember to thank those that volunteer or donate. Because without them reaching out to help others, much of the lifestyle we all enjoy would not exist. And without them leading and teaching others to do the same, we would not be able to continue enjoying that same lifestyle in the future. So to all those that either donate or give of their time and talents.....Thank You.

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## Virtue of the Week

### Humility

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You are practicing **humility** when you:

- Consider the needs of others as important as your own.
- Apologize and make amends when you hurt others.
- Learn from your mistakes and change for the better.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Are doing your best just to do it, not to impress anyone.
- Are grateful instead of boastful.

#### Affirmation

I am humble. I do not judge others or myself.  
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