

I went grocery shopping with my oldest daughter the other day. We went to a popular grocery chain in the dfw area. There were an interesting couple that were shopping at the same time as we were. The lady drove in a motorized cart and the guy pushed a grocery cart of his own. The best I could tell they were not married, but the lady in the cart lived with this guy and his wife (who was not at the store with them). I could tell this because the woman was busy yelling at this guy for almost our whole shopping experience. As hard as I tried to get away from this lady...we always seemed to keep crossing paths with this couple. And even when an aisle or two separated us this woman's voice echoed across the store. She had one of those voices that reminded me of that mean old woman from "Throw Momma from the Train". At first I felt awkward listening to her rip this guy she was with...thinking to myself..."If it were me...I would knock her out of the cart or at least let the air out of her scooters tires. But over time...vulgar yelling or not...every time she yelled something my nearly 11 year old daughter and I would turn to each other and start laughing. Not so funny for the guy she was always yelling at I am sure!

But the moment of truth came on isle 14 when my daughter and I got in the way of her chariot of terror. I thought..."if she snaps at me or my daughter I am going to tell her a thing or two!" But as I apologized for us being in her way...she responded so gently (in a still husky voice) "you are not in my way deary". Did not see that coming! And in her next breath she was yelling at this guy again.

Which leads me to wonder...why is it we are so ugly to those that are close to us and so nice to those that are not?

*The Lord's light penetrates the human spirit,□*

*exposing every hidden motive.□*

Proverbs 20:27