

Comparisons of Good and Bad Attitudes

Halls of Learning



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1. "Selfishness" Compared To "A Hand In A Glove"



That hand wants to be warm and comfortable itself, but doesn't really want to touch others with its bare skin. It doesn't care if the other hand is warm or not. It can't (because of the shape of the hands) and won't share its glove with the other one. It can touch things that would be too hot or cold for the other hand and not be affected. In other words, it has insulated itself from any contact with anything that could injure it or even make it uncomfortable, (hurt its feelings). But in the end that hand - having done the same things the ungloved hand has done - is not going to learn the difference between right and wrong, because it hasn't learned to discriminate between good and bad. It will go through life and not gain anything.

2. "Stubbornness" compared to "Concrete"



Stubbornness is pride that has become hardened as though in concrete. It needs a terrific blow to shatter it. It is ingrained very firmly in the personality, so if it is still present it shows that this person is still expressing through his personality.

3. "Indifference" compared to "Humming Birds"



Humming birds hover and watch but do not help. They care only if they eat and will jealously guard their own source of food. They are not loyal to one household. If the feeder isn't kept filled, they will leave and make their home elsewhere. They have a sharp beak that hurts. They flit about and they migrate with the different seasons. They make loud noises and can't be pinned

down.

4. "Wrong Perception of Idea" compared to "Grapefruit"



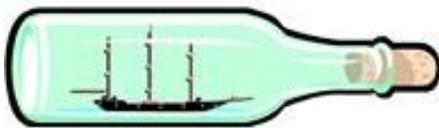
Most of us have a preconceived idea that the grapefruit will be sour and bitter.

5. "Wrong Application of Idea" compared to "Cake Pans"



If cake pans are used to cook steak in, or for anything other than what they were made for, they are not being put to the right use and will probably be ruined.

6. "Loneliness" compared to a "Ship in a Bottle"



A ship in a bottle is isolated. It's out of its natural habitat. It's imprisoned in something which has to be shattered to gain release. It usually takes a hard blow to break the bottle and has to be done carefully to keep from damaging the vessel inside the bottle. It took a long time to develop. In other words, loneliness has been with the vessel for long while. It needs more air to breath and more contact with the outside world. In fact, it is leading a useless life in the bottle, helping no one. It certainly can't grow any bigger and can't expand it's horizons until the bottle is broken.