

Thoughts and Smiles – Nov. 29, 2021

"This is Daniel. He sells the Big Issue outside Hillhead library. Each week, I stop and have a chat, give him a couple of quid, if I have it, and buy him a coffee from the place I go to for breakfast. Then, when I finish my breakfast, I'll usually take him over another coffee and pay for a few in advance (or suspended, as some folk call them) so he can get warmed up when it gets chilly.

Today, I did the same as usual, but when I went to pay for my breakfast, the girl in the cafe told me it had already been paid for.....by Daniel.

He'd won £20 on a scratch card and decided he was going to treat me for a wee change. As I took a coffee over to him, his face was an absolute picture, and he told me that it had made him happy that I'd had a nice surprise, and it was his way of showing his appreciation for the coffees and the chats.

If you're over Byres Road way, take a minute to say hello to him, even if you don't buy the magazine."

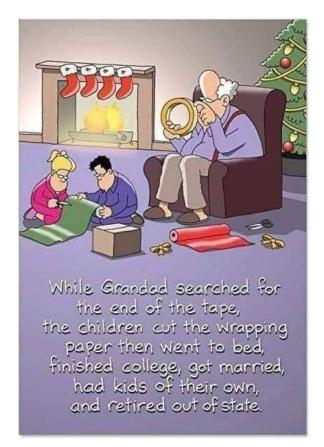
Credit: Joe Wilson

Prayer:

God of infinite possibility, I humbly ask for the blessing of your grace to help me be the kind of friend to others that I yearn to have. Would you please send in your angels to allow me to reach out and take interest in those around me rather than remain absorbed in my own concerns? Please grant me the grace to overcome my self-preoccupation and instead focus on being supportive and nurturing. Let me extend my time and generosity and focus on how I can help people over what they can do for me. I know with your guidance, my life will become more enriched, and I will experience more profound and more meaningful connections with others than I have allowed up until now. I thank you in advance, with my whole heart and soul, for answering my prayer, and I am open to all the ways in which the answers may come. Amen.











Have a terrific week!



Blessings to you all!

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