

A short story that has a great message.

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*I found this story not too long ago and I felt it worth repeating here. I hope it speaks to you and gives you pause to thought.*

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## The Man and his dog

*Once there lived a man in a village. He had a baby. The baby's mother had died soon after its birth. He loved it very much. He also had a faithful dog. The dog was eager to serve his master.*

*One day, the baby had a high fever. The father went to the town to bring medicine for it. He left the baby in the cradle and left his faithful dog there to look after it. The father was came back as quickly as he could.*

*In the old man's absence, a wolf entered the house. After sometime, the old man returned with the medicine. He saw that the paws and the mouth of the dog were covered with blood. He thought that the dog had killed his baby. While the dog was licking his master feet, he shot the pet dead.*

*When the man went into the bedroom, he found the baby sleeping in the cradle. He also saw a wolf lying dead nearby. When the man saw that his baby was alive but sleeping, he was so sad because he killed his dog. He at once realized his folly but it was too late. He felt guilty and repented for his blunder.*

Moral : Look before you leap.

It's easy to make assumptions on the way things look on the outside, but reality is sometimes much different. Be careful not to judge how others appear because you don't know what lies within their heart. Only God knows their heart. From experience, I have seen people put on a great face and one would think that everything is going great, but inside the pain was more than words could express. Things aren't always as they appear. Look closely before you make a judgement. Don't assume anything until you have all the facts. Jesus told us "Judge not lest you be judged also."

This scripture is misrepresented in a lot of circumstances, but the essence remains the

same...be careful how you judge a person, lest you be judged the same. This scripture isn't left for us to say that sin is ok or to look the other way when you see sin in action, but it is left to us for a simple lesson of remaining fair in judgement. How can you be fair if you are only judging from the outside? Be careful of making rush judgements. Have patience and learn the facts. Love one another.

Love never gives up.  
Love cares more for others than for self.  
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.  
Love doesn't strut,  
Doesn't have a swelled head,  
Doesn't force itself on others,  
Isn't always "me first,"  
Doesn't fly off the handle,  
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,  
Doesn't revel when others grovel,  
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,  
Puts up with anything,  
Trusts God always,  
Always looks for the best,  
Never looks back,  
But keeps going to the end.  
I Corinthians 13: 4- 7 (Message)

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