

Re: OT: Shades of gray?

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I have a hard time thinking someone that thoughtlessly cruel is a good person. Ever. How can anyone be so cruel? A remark like that could turn someone away from ever trying to seek the beliefs she thinks are right – in effect by her belief system costing a soul. I couldn't deal with ever communicating with her again for fear of having to hear something like that again. Ugh. Would she have felt the need to be so "honest" if you'd had a young child there who had lost their daddy?

Blupencl wrote:

Kathycarp Wrote:

Couldn't lie? So, did someone ask her, "so what do ya think? Is he in hell?"
Good grief. Does she also go around telling people that they are ugly?
After
all, can't lie. People like this need to have some lessons in humility.
I
hope she gets some real good ones in her lifetime.

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Kathy
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"Pam Persons" <personsp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Ouch...my ears are burning. ;) Actually I didn't hear what she said

and

didn't realize what had happened until H. told me once we got home.

I

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must have walked in just after she said it, though, because I

remember

things got quiet when I came back in the room. I just figured ya'll

were

talking about me.

To this day, I can't believe a friend could be so cruel. Even if she somehow absolutely knew it to be true, which, of course, no one ever could, she should have kept it to herself. When I confronted her

about

it, and she said she "couldn't lie."

BTW, that's specifically who I had in mind when I said some folks are afraid to look at the gray areas in life. Ask me about that Hebrew

novel

she's had for 2 years and is afraid to read.

"Blupencl" <Blupencl.25cnkd@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Susan Mitchell Wrote:

What a pig that preacher
was and may I add typical
of the
fundamentalists I

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not up

to me to
judge
whether
another
person is a
Christian
because I

can't

possibly
know what
is in his
heart. Of
course we
are
instructed

to

show our
Christianity
to others
through our
behavior,
but since

none

of

us are
perfect, it's
entirely
possibly to
have the
proper heart

and

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still make
mistakes
that would
lead others,
if they
aren't on

their

very best
Christian
behavior, to
point
fingers.

I sat at my
father's
funeral and
listened to a
fundamentalist

preacher

say, almost
verbatim,
"Bill wasn't
a Christian,
so he's in
hell

today,

but you
don't have
to be." He
honestly
thought he
knew my

father's

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heart. What
a sick, sick
example of
a man
professing
to be a
Christian.

Sandi

I had a friend say something similar to that
to me about my husband

—

to my face – in the physical presence of
somebody who is on this

board

right now. :) She didn't mean anything
hateful to me about it at

all.

It is just that she truly believed it.

I realize I'm not God. I realize I don't know
what's in everybody's
heart and I'm not sure about all the rules.
Nonetheless, I can speak

to

some of what was in his heart, and as mad as
he made me, and with

all

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the bad things he did in his life, he did many,
many good things,

and I

can't see a benevolent God putting him in
hell. He couldn't help his
raising and he struggled all his adult life to
TRY and believe. He

just

didn't have the foundation.

I still love the friend who said that to me, but
it made me more

than a

bit mad at the time till I realized that we all
have our beliefs,
whatever they may be, and hers don't have to
match mine. :)

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Blupencl

Seems like we were having a religious discussion already – then again
you can see my memory is faulty because I thought Pam was sitting right
there.

She *is* a good person with a tender heart. She is just concrete in her
beliefs – not a speck of gray on that girl anywhere – and I think she
thought she was doing a duty by telling me that.

She is still a friend. We e-mail every day, but I was upset by the
remark for a long time. I'm pretty firm in my own faith and beliefs and
my heart isn't as shaky as it was then. I still will never forget it,
though. I think my eyes bugged out and my face turned red.

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