

## **This Could Never Happen!**

A customer shopping in an old general store came to an item that was marked \$5. Thinking the price too high, he wrote \$2. The customer did this to several items. At last he came to the cashier with the cart filled with marked down items. As the cashier began to ring up the groceries, she noticed the prices had been changed. She said, "I'm sorry we priced these items too high for you, and hope the price you marked suits you; it suits us perfectly, too."

The illustration is absurd, but the application is not. How many people will stand before the Lord Jesus on the other side of life with a long list of marked down activities? Instead of faithful attendance, they will bring before Him irregular attendance (Hebrews 10:25). Instead of liberal giving, they will bring before Him miserly giving (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). Instead of benevolent help and support given to the weak and hurting, they will bring indifferent concern (Matthew 25:34-36). Instead of complete obedience, they will bring partial obedience (Matthew 16:24). Do you think that our Lord will say, "I'm sorry that I made the requirements too high. Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of Heaven" (cp. Matthew 25:21, 23)?

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