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What about insulting others?

Most of those who read these will chuckle over how men insult each other so skillfully. The sad fact is that our old nature just loves to hurt others and do it skillfully. As long as we are not the ones wounded by the tongue, we enjoy seeing it done to others.

What we tend to forget is that God commands us to EDIFY others, not INSULT them. How long is it since you read Eph. 4:29, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

Yep, we laugh at these, but we ought to avoid them like the plague. We are to build up others not tear them down. Somehow I doubt if these insults were really reproofs. They were sword thrusts from the tongue.

Bro. Buddy

The greatest insults in history?

1. The exchange between Churchill & Lady Astor:

Lady Astor to Churchill, "If you were my husband I'd give you poison."

In response Churchill said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

2. A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

3. "He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr

4. "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill

5. "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - Clarence Darrow

6. "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

7. "Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

8. "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain

9. "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.." - Oscar Wilde
 10. "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill
 11. Winston Churchill, in response: "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second.... if there is one."
 12. "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop
 13. "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - John Bright
 14. "I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb
 15. "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - Samuel Johnson
 16. "He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - Paul Keating
 17. "In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily." - Charles, Count Talleyrand
 18. "He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker
 19. "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain
 20. "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West
 21. "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.." - Oscar Wilde
 22. "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)
 23. "He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder
 24. "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx
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