



Amen

Karl Schuessler

He asked me for some loose change. A very usual request from a sidewalk panhandler. He said he needed the money to open the bus station's locker where he stored his luggage. I did have to stretch my

imagination. He owned luggage? This dirty and disheveled young man? A joke I read the other day flashed through my mind. One hippie saw another hippie carrying a cigar box under his arm. "What are you doing carrying that cigar box?" the hippie asked.

"I'm moving, man," he said, "to another place." Maybe that was more like it. A cigar box — not suitcases — to carry all of his worldly goods.

I paused. Some change? Sure. I had plenty in my pocket. But should I give him some? Should I believe him? About the bus station locker? When the more likely story is that he needed money for drugs

and booze?

Am I helping him by my petty and personal and patronizing charity? Do I lull myself into thinking I've helped the needy and fulfilled my obligations toward humanity?

I had the time. He was friendly. Eager. Willing to talk. So we sat down on a sidewalk step.

What was he doing out on the streets? begging? Why didn't he go out and get a job like the rest of us? He looked healthy. Big. Muscular.

He said his name was John. From Nova Scotia. Twenty-three years old. No family. He'd been in town only nine days. He came to find a job. A laborer's job. Because that's all he could expect with a Grade 7

education.

John hung around the ManPower office for four and five days. All day. He tried the Overload offices for a couple of hours. He got tired of waiting there too and left. Besides he can't hold down a job too long anyway. He's always fighting with the other workers.

So he went back to his old trade — stealing, mostly out of department stores. That was a way to make a quick buck. Just so he didn't get caught.

He had though in Nova Scotia. Car theft. He stole and smashed a car. And served one year for that. It was too late to be sorry about that. But he did think it was too much time for nothing. But now he was only

shoplifting. Just take yesterday. He walked off with a couple of alarm clocks marked \$12.95. And they're only worth \$3.

John does wear some of his stolen goods. Like the shirt and jacket he had on. And the boots. He had two pair once. But one night he came drunk to his friend's room. During the night while he was sleeping, the friend stole his second pair and sold them on the street.

I asked him if he thought this was the way he was going to spend the rest of his life.

"Yeah. Probably. I only want to make it to 29 or 30. That's long enough."

"But what would make life worth living? Longer? He didn't know.

"A car?" He didn't know. It would be smashed up in a few days anyway.

"A home? A wife?" "I'm not talking about those things. I ain't got them."

He said it was too complicated to put into words. He did like a good time though. Drinking — mostly. And working — if the job was good.

I gave him three dollars. He beamed. And he assured me that he was going right to the bus station and get his luggage.

I felt lonely and empty. Less than human. For I gave him no hope. No bright promises. Or better tomorrows. Because like him, I could see no way out of his miserable mess.

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Nursery and Baby Care

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Mass Saturday Evening — 7 p.m.
Sunday Mass — 8:30; 10:30 and 12:30

St. Mary's Lakeshore Rd. and Pater St., 278-2058
Sunday Mass: 8:00, 9:00, 10:30, 11:45

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July - Lorne Park Baptist Church
August - September 3rd
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Ministers Rev. F.H. Joblin, B.A., B.D., D.D.
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Morning Worship — 10:30 a.m.
Church School up to 11 years of age — 10:30 a.m.
12 years and over — 11:45 a.m.

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Church of St. Bride, Clarkson Road — 822-0422
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Church School 10:30 a.m.

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Church of St. Hilary, 2055 Hurontario St. — 279-2304
Sunday Services — 9:20 and 11:00 a.m.
St. John the Baptist Church, 719 Dundas St. E.
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Sunday Services 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Erindale, Dundas St. W. at Mississauga Road — 277-3251
Sunday Summer Service — 10:30 a.m. ONLY

Church of St. Luke, 1513 Dixie Rd. (just south of Q.E.)
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Church School — 10:30 a.m.
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