

Special Brownies

A father of teenage children had a family rule that they could not attend PG-13 or R rated movies. His three teens wanted to see an enormously popular PG-13 movie that was playing at local theaters.

The teens interviewed friends and even some members of their family's church, to find out what was offensive in the movie.

They made a list of pros and cons about the movie to use to convince their dad that they should be allowed to see it.

The cons were that it contained only 3 swear words which were repeated only about 10 times, the only violence was a building exploding, and there was SOME sexual content, but most of it was just implied, off camera.

The pros were that it was a popular movie - a blockbuster. Everyone was seeing it. If the teens saw the movie, they would not feel left out when their friends discussed it. The movie contained a good story and plot, based on a book by a famous author, which had been on the bestseller lists for months. It had some great adventure and suspense in it. There were some fantastic special effects. The movie's stars were some of the most talented actors in Hollywood. It probably would be nominated for numerous awards. Many of the members of their church had already seen the movie and said it wasn't "very bad."

Therefore, since there were many more pros than cons, the teens asked their father to reconsider his position just this ONE time.

The father looked at the list and thought for a few minutes. He said he could tell his children had spent a commendable amount of time, effort, research, and thought on their request. He asked if he could have a day to think about it before making his decision.

The teens were thrilled, thinking: "Our argument is too good! Dad can't turn us down!" So, they happily agreed to wait a day.

The next evening the father called his three teenagers into the living room. There on the coffee table was a plate of brownies. The teens were puzzled. The father told his children he had thought about their request and had decided that if they would each eat a brownie, he would let them go to the movie. But the brownies had both pros and cons.

Like the case they had presented to him, there were many more pros, of course. The brownies were made with the finest chocolate and other good ingredients. They had the added special effect of crunchy walnuts in them. They were moist and fresh with wonderful chocolate frosting on top. He had made these fantastic brownies using an award-winning recipe. And best of all, the brownies had been made by the hand of their very own father.

There was only one con. He had included a special ingredient, not called for in the prize-winning recipe. In addition to all the wonderful chocolate and nuts, the brownies also contained just a little bit of dog poop. But the father assured the teens that he had mixed the brownie batter well - they probably would not even be able to taste the poop. And he had baked the brownies at 350 degrees, so any bacteria, parasites, or other germs from the poop had likely been destroyed.

Therefore, if his children didn't mind eating brownies, which included "just a little bit of poop," they could go to a movie, which contained "just a little bit of poop."

Of course, none of the teens went to the movie in question, and all learned a life-long lesson about the advisability of allowing just a little bit of sin into our lives.

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