

THROWING DARTS

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There is a story told of a Sunday school teacher and a dartboard. When his students arrived for class, they found a dartboard hung on a wall, covered in plain brown Kraft paper. Each place at the table held markers and another piece of plain brown paper. They were each asked to draw on their paper, a picture of anyone they despised, hated, or with whom they wished to get even.

Once they realized he was serious, his students settled down to their task with zeal. One drew a picture of his kid sister. Another managed a fairly realistic rendering of a neighborhood bully. One couple depicted was obviously the student's parents. One daring soul even drew a recognizable version of the Sunday school teacher.

One by one, the students were invited to the dart board. There, each was allowed to tape their paper over the dart board. Then they were allowed to throw darts at the image until they felt they had gotten even with the person represented.

When all were finished, their teacher asked them again to be seated. Then he carefully removed each paper, one by one. When he got to the original sheet, which had been left blank, he removed it as well. Beneath it was a picture of the face of Jesus Christ, so tattered and torn as to be nearly unrecognizable. The teacher uttered just one sentence before dismissing his class.

“When you do it to the least of them, you have done it unto me.”