

The Taste Test

*Let us not love with words or tongue
but with actions and in truth
(1 John 3:18, NIV).*

Sunday, 9 a.m.

I stopped by the grocery on the way to church
to buy doughnuts for our Sunday School class.
I could tell by the casual conversation around the counter that
the other customers were doing the same thing.

I wondered:

what would the boy behind the counter
think of Christianity by the end of the morning?
His opinion wouldn't hinge on theology.
It would be shaped by how people treat each other
during a brief exchange of
dollars for doughnuts.

Would these "church people" be
pushy,
sharp,
self-absorbed, and
impatient?

Or in those moments would
simple kindness and
a gentle spirit
show through?

*The Golden Rule is a reminder that
the Father loves every other person
as much as He loves you.
Remember that as you interact with them.
Treat everyone
kindly, gently, and generously.*

Hymn: [The Beauty of Christ](http://lnwhymns.com/Hymn.aspx?ID=530)
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