

Cosmic Cop, Vending Machine & Santa Claus - Blake Bergstrom

Mark 11:11-17 (NIV) ¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and *went to the temple. He looked around at everything*, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. ¹²The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. ¹³Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it. ¹⁵On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, ¹⁶and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations"? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

The purest form of love is _____ and God is especially
_____ about his _____.

"Cosmic Cop God" -- all he wants to do is _____ on me!

Religion creates _____ where we spend more time talking about
what we _____ than what we _____!

Romans 2:4 (NLT) Don't you realize how kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Or don't you care? Can't you see how kind he has been in giving you time to turn from your sin?

It was more about the _____ than the
_____.

"Vending Machine God" -- God is kind of like _____.

Mark 11:18-21 (NIV) ¹⁸The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. ¹⁹When evening came, they went out of the city. ²⁰In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. ²¹Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!"

Acts 17:24, 25, & 28 (NIV) ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else...²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'

We aren't needed by the God of the Universe, however we ARE
_____ to _____.

At some point we have to move from a _____
towards _____ and _____.

Is it really _____ if you can't ever pay him back for what he
has done for you?