

## Nouns and Adverbs

(If I knew where the following story originated, I'd give credit for it. Perhaps it is in one of the "Chicken Soup" books.)

A schoolteacher was assigned to tutor a child in a large city hospital. She got the boy's name and room number and was told to study nouns and adverbs with him. She went to see him and discovered that the room was in a burn unit. The boy had been horribly burned and was in great pain. He barely responded to the teacher, but she went through the lesson, greatly disturbed, under the circumstances, that she even had to bother him with it.

The next morning, the nurse asked her, "What did you do to that boy?" She started to apologize, but the nurse continued, "We'd been worried about him, but since you were here yesterday, his whole attitude has changed. He's fighting back, responding to treatment. It's as if he's decided to live."

The boy later explained that he had given up hope until the teacher came. "They wouldn't send a teacher to work on nouns and adverbs with a boy who was dying, would they?"

God wouldn't have sent Jesus to die upon the cross for our sins if He was just looking to play "gotcha", just waiting for us to mess up so He can send us to hell, would He?