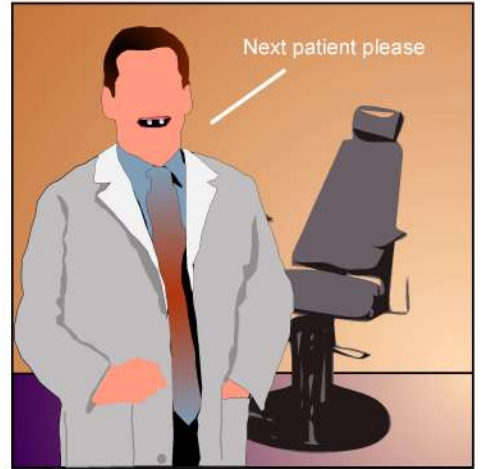
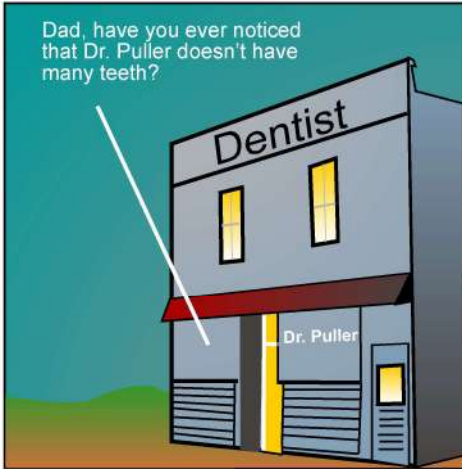


Eye for an Eye

*But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.
Exodus 21:23-25*



When the game is finally over we want the score to be in our favor, or at least be tied. So when we hear, "Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth", it sounds pretty good. But we need to understand the context in which those words were spoken by God. They were intended as a rule for the administration of justice in public courts or by appointed rulers. They were not intended as a license for personal retribution. Jesus tells us to leave justice in the hands of God. If someone strikes you on the cheek, turn the other one to them. If someone asks you to carry their load for a mile, go two. I think you will find that life, like little kids sports, is a lot funner if you don't keep score.