

## **The Bag of Random Crap**

She was a great teacher, but she was generally overwhelmed with work that did not relate directly to teaching. But she had a great support team, and one of her friends gave her a great big bag to carry all of her things. Part of the fun was that the bag had the words “Random Crap” on the side. It was a very thoughtful, useful gift.

But when she took it to school, her principal came by her classroom. He began her day by telling her that the bag was inappropriate for her use at school. Then he proceeded to rebuke her for leaving the outer door open, though that was necessary for another teacher that had difficulty opening the door. Finally, he told her that she would be responsible for an aide (who no one else wanted to work with), supplying her with assignments and generally managing her time.

There was an irony that the teacher saw right away. The principal was concerned about the word “crap”, while most of her students generally used much worse words. The irony was that of the two people involved, the principal was the one who was dumping a load of seemingly random “crap” on the teacher.

The teacher looked up the word in the dictionary, and the first definition included the word “junk.” The origin of the word had nothing to do with any later vulgar use, but likely is linked to the word “chaff”. She bet the principal had no idea.

The situation reminded her of the scripture where the “experts” loaded people down with burdens they could hardly carry (Luke 11:45-47). But she sewed a flap over the word “crap” and carried on with her work.