

# Reality from TV

“The Three Stooges”

- Introduction:
1. The average American home has 3 television sets.
  2. Television, good or bad, catches our attention.
  3. So, I thought we would use the titles from several fictional television shows to springboard us into reality recorded for us in the Bible.
  4. I also believe that the reality is every bit as much, and more informative, educational, and captivating than the fiction.
  5. Tonight, we will examine “The Three Stooges.”

## I. Background to the Book of Job

- A. Job, a righteous man, experiences loss in such a way that is almost unimaginable (Job 1).
1. Though Job questioned God throughout the book, he never lost faith.
  2. In fact, even though God allowed circumstances to befall him that caused him to pray for death, he still longed to be with God (Job 19:25-26).
- B. His family, his servants, his wealth, and his health are all taken from him.
- C. His friends hear of his calamity and come to mourn with him (2:11-13).
- D. After seven days, Job’s friends finally speak and their words were foolish.

## II. Why Job’s Three Friends Were Stooges

- A. They Had an incorrect believe system.
1. Eliphaz.
    - a. (Job 4:7-8).
    - b. We reap what we sow.
    - c. While he acknowledged a true principle (Galatians 6:7), he drew a faulty application from it.
  2. Bildad.
    - a. (Job 8:2-7).
    - b. If bad things happen to you, it’s your own fault. You must be guilty of sin.
  3. Zophar.
    - a. (Job 11:13-15).
    - b. He too acknowledged a truth that sin needed to be repented of, but he drew a the faulty conclusion that Job had sinned.
- B. They falsely accused Job of wrong-doing.
- C. They were poor comforters.
- D. They misrepresented God.

- Conclusion:
1. May we learn from Job’s three friends, avoid their mistakes and walk in wisdom.
  2. It’s easy to dismiss what they said because of their mistakes, but remember the truths they expressed:
    - a. We do reap what we sow.
    - b. We do need to repent when we sin.