

COUNTING THE MOMENTS

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I was grumpy. When Mary asked why, I told her about a man who, for no obvious reason, had been rude to someone.

She asked me, *"What's 60 times 60?"*

I amazed myself by answering, *"three thousand, six hundred"*.

I balked when she asked me to multiply that by 24, so she gave me a pen and paper to work it out.

"Eighty-six thousand, four hundred."

"Those are the seconds you have in your day," she told me. "How many did he steal from you while being unpleasant?"

I guessed about 180.

"And how many more of your precious seconds have you voluntarily donated to his unpleasantness?"

I started to count. She saw that and laughed.

"The correct answer is too many!"

Reflection:

People or situations will cast a shadow over our time.

If we can't help them shine brighter, then we should make sure those tarnished seconds don't spoil the golden ones we have left.

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