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me the example. It doesn't work for you. You're a doctor. Senator Pahls, I'm just using you because you're sitting over there, minding your own business. You know I can't leave people alone when they do that. Senator Pahls is shaking like he's got the ague and he says, Senator Chambers, I have some nerve medicine for you and if you take this medicine it will calm you down. You'll be as steady as a rock. And I say, well, Doc, the way you shaking, you can't even pour it in a spoon and administer it to me; let me see you swallow that medicine and let me see you stop shaking and let me see you become as steady as a rock; then maybe I'll listen to you. And he says, well, it doesn't work on me; it only works on others. That's when I'll say, well, then, physician, heal thyself, and until you can heal thyself don't come talking about healing me. And if everybody to whom you administer this to falls down dead, don't give it to me. Now here's how you might could get me up here of a morning to sit in on your prayer ritual. If, as the day wore on, I saw your conduct affected by it and modified, then I'd say, hey, maybe they got something up there that's worth looking into. But I don't want what you all got. Why, do you realize that to become a "Chrishian" I have to become hateful? I have to become hardhearted. I have to set my face like a flint against those who cannot help themselves. I have to turn my back on these poor women, who will carry a pregnancy to term even though they're impoverished, and I have to look the other way and say, well, you shouldn't have had the little brat in the first place; I didn't tell you to have the little brat. Well, you changed the law. That's what you want. But, see, since I'm not a "Chrishian," I don't have that kind of what you all call compassion. I can see somebody hurting and I don't have to hurt the same way to try to give them some relief if I'm able to give it. If there is a God, thank God that I'm not a "Chrishian" or any other religion. None of them is any good, not one; no, not one.

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There's probably more religion in the world now than there has ever been, and there are more wars, there is more killing, there is more misery throughout the world than there has ever been. And we cannot cure the world, but we can