The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 2, Episode 3: What is Education Good For?

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| 00:00 | Narrator | What is education good for? |
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| 00:09 | Narrator | [over music] It’s time now for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse. Gum Springs, Arkansas. |
| 00:23 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 00:34 | Jesse | Ya’ know, Sam, we’re always givin’ them professors a hard time, but I-I really am enjoying the courses I take up there at that college. Most of them professors wanna help- |
| 00:42 | Sam | Jesse? |
| 00:43 | Jesse | Yeah, Sam? |
| 00:44 | Sam | D’you reckon they got any courses up there that’d help me? |
| 00:46 | Jesse | Well, I don’t know. Most of the people that go up there at the college to get a better job, and you already got a steady job, Sam. [overlap] |
| 00:52 | Sam | [overlap] Oh-Oh, I don’t want no other job, Jesse. I want to learn to be a better person. |
| 00:57 | Jesse | Oh, well, I-I don’t think they got any courses like that at that college. And anyway, Sam, I don’t believe you can just up and decide to become a better person. |
| 01:05 | Sam | Well, how’s that get decided then? |
| 01:07 | Jesse | Well, when ya’ choose your parents. |
| 01:08 | Sam | But I – But I didn’t choose my parents! |
| 01:09 | Jesse | Ah-ha! Makes ya’ think, don’t it? |
| 01:12 | Sam | But they’s people up there right now that’s training to be teachers, and preachers, and city managers. Ain’t they trying to become better people? |
| 01:19 | Jesse | Oh, no! They trying as hard as they can to stay just exactly like they are.It takes a lot of confidence to go to college and, huh, folks with confidence, they don’t see no need to change themselves. Just other people. And everyone of them people is tryin’ a graduate so they can get the job they already think they can handle. |
| 01:38 | Sam | You mean all them people is wasting their time? |
| 01:40 | Jesse | Oh, no, Sam. They ain’t wasting their time. They’re learning how to wait. |
| 01:45 |  | [music] |
| 01:54 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 02:04 | Jesse | [overlap] Hey, Sam. Here comes [door slams] Mr. Mac Buddy. He can tell us about them courses they got up there. |
| 02:09 | Mr. Buddy | Good afternoon, gentlemen. |
| 02:10 | Jesse | Hi, Mr. Buddy. What can we do for ya’? |
| 02:12 | Mr. Buddy | Oh, just fill it up, if ya’ please. |
| 02:13 | Sam | S-say Mr. Buddy, Jesse and me was just talking. I-I’m interested in takin’ a course up there at your college to learn how to become a better person. Y-you got any courses up there like that? |
| 02:25 | Mr. Buddy | Well, all education is designed to create a better person, to help people analyze their social environment, and to learn from any set of circumstances. Education widens one’s options, so a person may select wisely from the moral responsibilities presented to them in daily problem solving. Why, just this morning Dr. Jack Berryman spoke to the faculty on that very subject. |
| 02:46 | Sam | What’d he say? |
| 02:48 | Mr. Buddy | Well, I’m-I’m-I’m not exactly sure. I-I wasn’t really listening. I’m a speaker myself quite often. |
| 02:54 |  | [music] |