



## Episode 903: Force of Good

### Were you Listening???

#1 When Oprah was young, she was teased for which one of the following?

- A) Skipping a grade
- B) Not having books for class
- C) Wearing a dress made of a potato sack
- D) She was never teased

**ANSWER:** (C) Teasing is NEVER acceptable. However, Oprah was teased because she was poor and wore a dress made from a potato sack. It just showed that her family was very poor financially when she was young. She did skip kindergarten and went directly to first grade. She actually wrote a note to the teacher that said "I do not think I belong here", and the teacher agreed and she was moved to the first grade.!

#2 Concerning her career, which day is painful for Oprah to think about?

- A) April Fool's day
- B) Thanksgiving
- C) Arbor Day
- D) Valentine's Day

**ANSWER:** (A) Oprah was fired from her co-anchor job. This is where she reported the news on television as a team with someone else. It was done on April 1st, which was April Fool's day. At first, she really thought it was a joke, but found out the hard way that it wasn't. It wasn't funny at all. But, it put her on a path to doing a talk show, which is where she really took off.

#3 In Baltimore, Oprah was told that if she did something again, she would get fired. What did she do?

- A) She borrowed a camera without permission to make a home movie
- B) She yelled at a co-worker while doing the news
- C) She helped a family who lost their home in a fire
- D) She changed the script on the news without permission

**ANSWER:** (C) Oprah was always a kind and generous person. She helped a family that lost their home in a fire by delivering blankets and other items they needed. She was told to not get involved. She was only supposed to deliver the news and if she did it again she was going to get fired. I think you probably guessed that she treated others with respect and kindness. She probably would have never yelled at anyone, especially on camera.





#4 How much is Oprah worth and how much was she paid per hour during the year she did her show?

- A) \$1,500,000,000 and \$5,000 per hour
- B) \$2,500,000,000 and \$36,000 per hour
- C) \$750,000,000 and \$10,000 per hour
- D) \$500,000,000 and \$8,500 per hour

**ANSWER:** (B) Oprah is the first female black billionaire-EVER. She is worth over \$2.5 billion. That's a lot of zeros. She was earning over \$300 million a year because she had a show that was syndicated. That means it was shared all over the country. That's \$10 per second, \$600 per minute, \$36,000 per hour or \$864,000 per day. That's a lot of CABBAGE!!!

#5 What is Oprah's real name?

- A) Rita
- B) Ace
- C) Oscar
- D) Orpah

**ANSWER:** (D) Her name was originally in the book of Ruth in the Hebrew Bible. It was a tough name to say, so she moved the "R" on the other side of the letter "P", and got Oprah. She thought it best, because too many people had trouble saying Orpah. I guess it's better than just getting rid of the "R" all together and going with "Opah". That might have been really bad, since Opah is known as a moonfish (and some others too).

#6 What is the name of the fear that Oprah has?

- A) Acrophobia - the fear of heights
- B) Globophobia - the fear of balloons
- C) Arachnophobia - the fear of spiders
- D) Nostrilphobia - the fear of big nostrils

**ANSWER:** (B) Yes, she is afraid of balloons. That makes for an interesting birthday party, right? But, she says it has to do with the sound when they pop. She says the sound reminds her of a gun firing. I think we all get that. In the podcast, we actually used a "P" (Glop...) instead of a "B". That was a mistake. Sorry. But people are definitely afraid of heights and spiders (Mom). Nostrilphobia is just made up. I thought it was funny. Sometimes I think boys have Ablutophobia (fear of bathing).....





#7 How many cars were given away in one episode of Oprah's show?

- A) 267
- B) 108
- C) 76
- D) 43

**ANSWER:** (A) Oprah gave away 267 cars in one show. She gave everyone in the audience a small box, and said that only one person would have a key in the box, which meant they got a car. When everyone opened the box, EVERYONE had a key. The place went crazy (they had paramedics on the scene, just in case!!!). That was almost \$8 million. Get this, it was ranked #4 of Oprah's most memorable shows (the wagon of fat, Tom Cruise jumping on the sofa and flash mob were rated higher). Most people don't know, but when you get something for free, you have to pay taxes on it. Since it was a big gift, the tax amounted to about \$7,000 per car. Hey, don't look a gift horse in the mouth, right?

#8 Who was CJ Walker ?

- A) First female black millionaire
- B) A friend of Oprah's who sold hair products
- C) Was born into slavery in Mississippi
- D) Has a "legacy center" building in her name in Minneapolis

**ANSWER:** (A) CJ Walker was an African American and was born after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, which ended slavery in the United States. She was the first in her family not to be born into slavery. She sold hair products and became the first female black millionaire, but died about 100 years ago, so she never knew Oprah. Since she had her business in Indianapolis (not Minneapolis), she has a legacy center named after her there.

#9 How long was the Oprah Winfrey Show on tv and how many shows were filmed?

- A) 5 years and over 1,000 shows
- B) 12 years and over 2,500 shows
- C) 25 years and over 4,500 shows
- D) 30 years and over 5,000 shows

**ANSWER:** (C) Oprah was on tv/radio for around 40 years when her show ended. However, the Oprah Winfrey show was the biggest portion of that career, which started in 1986 and ended in 2011 (25 years). She said it was "the perfect number (25)-the exact right time". She did over 4,500 episodes. Oprah made it no secret that she had difficulties with her weight. On one show, she came on stage with 67 pounds of FAT in a red wagon!!!! It was rated as her top show ("Diet Dreams Come True" (November 15, 1988)). That weight (67 lbs) was equal to her weight loss success at the time. Fat on a wagon is still gross!!!





#10 What was the name used to describe how people became more open to share their emotions on Oprah's talk show?

- A) Opractice
- B) Opragmatic
- C) Opractical
- D) Oprahfication

**ANSWER:** (D) The answer is a word that was created just for her: "Oprahfication". She was willing to show her own emotions, and that made it easier for guests to show theirs. That's why there seemed to be a lot of crying on her shows. But, it wasn't all sad. Remember she gave away a lot of free stuff that made people very happy which brought out many to tears. The other words are made up. The word "Pragmatic" (B), in the made up term "Opragmatic", means sensible and realistic, which is probably less emotional and wouldn't have worked.

