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INCIDENT OF ONE DIABETIC

He said, "One of the most important things you can do is quit drinking beer." And he says, "Well, how do you know that I drink beer?" And he says, "Well, I can tell, just from the blood test." So the Indian, he got kinda mad and went on and says, "Well, if that's all you can tell me...", says, "I don't need to be here any longer." So he takes off. So, he decided he'd go to another doctor. Well the next doctor he went to told him the same thing. Told him to quit drinkin' beer. He says, "How much beer do you drink during the day?" He said, "Well, not over a dozen bottles a day." He says, "Well, that's the reason I can't help you, that's really against the - the diabetic." So he decided he'd - he said "You're not my doctor. I'll go somewheres else." Every doctor he went to - he went to about five or six. So, the last one he went to was - all these other doctors had told him not to drink beer - to quit drinking beer. He figured this last doctor he went to was gonna tell him the same thing. But he went down there and got a checkup and told him, says, "I've been to all the doctors I could hear of, and they can't help me. So I thought I'd come to you to try you." So the doctor got him in there and examined him, checked him all the way through. And when he got through with him, he said, "Well doctor, what do you think?" He says, "There's one thing that I can tell you to do that will help you." He says, "You just go on and drink all the beer that you want." He says, "That'll help you better than anything." He says, "You're my doctor. You're what I've been looking for." (laughter) (Do you think this doctor knew that he wasn't gonna quit?)