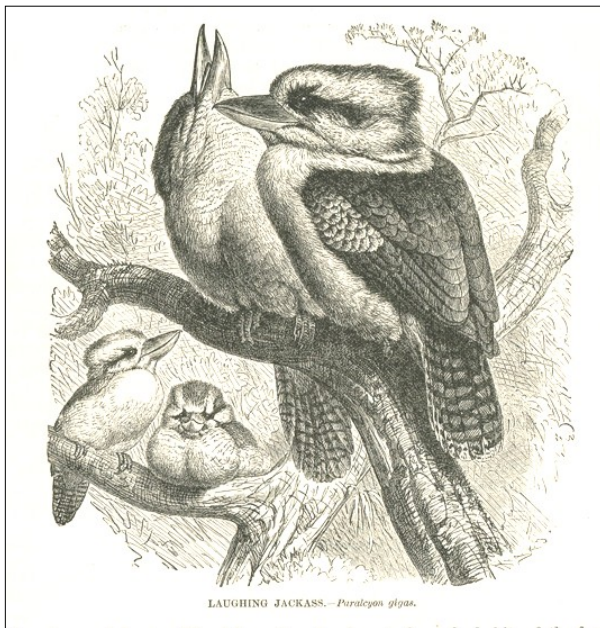


A LAUGHING STOCK

...*'A laughing stock to his neighbour...'*

Job 12 v 4

1. No-one likes to be l_____ at; and neither should we make a habit of laughing at o_____.
2. There is no harm in laughing at p_____ if we only do it in a good -humoured teasing way.
3. But when teasing becomes aggravation or causes tears, it's time to s_____.



4. In Australia there is a b_____ called a 'laughing-jackass'. It can mimic human l_____. It has an irritating way of appearing at times when something has gone wr____. For example, a motorist may be struggling to change a flat t_____ when the bird will appear with its mocking 'Ha-ha-ha, He-he-he'.

5. Mocking others is the low_____ form of amusement.
6. Many years ago, a minister saw a crowd mocking a drunken m_____ in the str_____. The minister recognised the man as one of his own members. He rescued him from the mockers, saying *'I have not come to mock but to weep.'*
7. When we are tempted to make fun of someone else, we ought to say...*'there but for the gr_____ of God go I'*.
8. Christ was mocked, who deserved no mocking.....
...but with mocking scorn and with crown of t_____, they bore him to C_____....'