



THIRD PLACE RECIPIENT

The Cost of Convenience: Channel's Tempting Proposal

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"Hey Chanel?"

"Hi Jasmine I'm going to be 20 minutes late to the nail appointment"

Chanel had already been 10 minutes late to her nail appointment. Chanel needed these nails for a vacation. At this point I would've canceled the appointment with my client so I could have time to do my next client's nails on time.. When she said she was going to be more late I just got mad. I was curious about what could have happened to make her later than she already was. Something happened to her on the way here? A family emergency?

I was mad of course but she turned my madness into temptation once I heard her offer. She offered to pay 3x the total amount or I can simply cancel on her. The offer sounds really nice doesn't it? Unfortunately, I had a client in about 30 minutes. This appointment wasn't just no nail appointment, it was my client's quinceaneras nails. It's not fair to cancel my client's appointment for someone else's fault and for more money. I could tell my client if something came up she wouldn't have to know the truth. How would she find out I canceled on her just for someone else? Why would the feeling of canceling on my client but getting 3x the money make me feel so guilty?

She kept trying to persuade me by saying this will be the only time she'll offer me the 3x amount of money. Yes, at a point I almost considered it. The opportunity of the payment being 3x the amount is a one time thing. But why would I put my next

client in a situation where she was never needed to be involved in. My next client texts me that she is on her way while I am on the phone with Chanel. At this moment I knew I couldn't do Chanel's nails anymore. I had to tell her the truth that I won't be accepting her offer. She was mad and told me she won't be booking with me ever again.

A few weeks later the situation kept reoccurring in my head. Was it really worth losing a client because I wanted to be fair for my next client who needed these nails? Yes. It was the right thing to do. I think to myself how much the 3x total amount payment could've helped. But then I think what would've happened if I never did my next client's nails. She would've been devastated, it would've been unfair. We all have things to do but if you can't make it to those things, don't bring the consequences to others.

Overall, I was happy with not doing Chanel's nails. Even though the money was going to be good, I know I did right. I am proud to say I look around and see what's unfair and fair for everyone. I will always observe and do the right thing in any situation.