

**October 27 | Sunday**

Oh, What a Beautiful Morning...Be a Billionaire

Read [Matthew 5:3](#)



**28 | Mon – First things first** | Read [Matthew 5:3 and 6:33](#)

It is easy to judge and be judged by the size of a bank account. Contrary to popular culture, God is *less* interested in how much money you accumulate and *more* interested in how you use what you've been given. No matter how 'rich' you become, it does not compare with what you can receive in eternity. In what ways have you chased after being righteous before God first and then found that your other needs were met as well? It is promised!

**29 | Tue – Never too small to matter** | Read [Mark 12:41-44](#)

You don't have to be rich to be generous. The widow in this story was poor but she was not ashamed to give what she could. Although it was smaller than the gifts of those around her, Jesus honored her generous heart because she gave sacrificially. Have you ever felt you could *not* give because your ability to contribute was so small that it probably would not make any difference? It's not how much you give but the heart you give with that blesses God.

**30 | Wed – It's not just about money** | Read [Matthew 25:34-40](#)

Generosity is not just about giving money. There are many ways to pass along what you have received. You show hospitality when you share your home with others. Can you cook? Invite someone to dinner. Are you healthy? Offer help to someone who cannot do things as well as they used to. Are you an encourager? Use your words to lift someone's heart. How can you use some of *your* skills and discretionary time to bless others?

**31 | Thu – Which measuring cup?** | Read [Luke 6:38](#)

Giving does not just bless the receiver; it also blesses the giver. In fact, Jesus went so far as to say so in the verse above. One idea coming out of this conversation with his followers about giving is: the measuring cup you use in giving to others will be the same one God uses to pour out blessings on you in return. Some people will miss the blessings God wants to give them because hoarding left no room for any more. Do you know anyone like that?

**01 | Fri – Tomorrow doesn't always come** | Read [Luke 12:16-21](#)

Another reason for being generous is illustrated in this parable Jesus told. A farmer was so prosperous one year he had no storage space left for the harvest. He began to dream of the leisurely life he could live if he kept it all to himself. Was he just being self-centered or was he afraid of the future? Did he find security in knowing all his needs would be met for years to come? Unfortunately, he didn't know this was his last chance to be generous and share with his neighbors. If you died tonight, is there anything you would regret not giving away?

**02 | Sat – Heaven will be filled with billionaires** | Read [Matthew 6:19-21, 24](#)

You may have an average salary or it may even be considered low income but you might still be a billionaire in heaven. Handling finances wisely is important but what increases your eternal retirement account is how you invest in God's kingdom today. Whether it is with your money, time or effort on behalf of others, it will not go unnoticed by your heavenly Father. What can you *focus on* and *invest in* today that will last forever?