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## **A Cup Of Cold Water**

**Even the small things matter.** Even what kind of small things matter? **Giving even small things to people in need is important.** Why is that? **If you are willing to give in small ways to those in need it means that your heart and mind and life are open to helping those who are in need. If you are giving even a little bit that means that you are not blindly walking through life, ignoring pain and suffering all around you. Giving a little bit is a start, it is a beginning, it is a sign that you are not being tight fisted and closed handed with those who are in need. I see. That's it exactly. What's it exactly? I want you to see the opportunities all around you to help others in need. I understand. That's good.**

**Have I richly blessed your life?** Yes, you have richly blessed my life. **Have I given you many good gifts?** Yes, you have given me many good gifts. **Why do you suppose I have richly blessed your life and given you so many good gifts?** I know that you love and care for me. **Yes, I love and care for you.** But most of all, I think you have blessed my life so that I can be a blessing to others. You want me to follow your example. You want me to love like you loved. You want me to serve like you served. You want me to give like you gave. **Yes, I do.**

**So, will you freely share your time and talents and resources with others? Will you follow my example? Will you give to others what I have given to you?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

**Why would it be a foolish mistake to fail to give to others what I have given to you?** One day you will reward me for what I have done for others in this life. It would be foolish to try to hold on to what I cannot keep. I came into this life with nothing. I will take nothing of material value into the next life. **I like the way that you said that.** Why is that? **You know that you cannot store up treasure on earth. But you also know that you can store up treasure in heaven. One day, in heaven, you will be rewarded for how you have loved and helped and ministered to those in need in this life. Keep on loving. Keep on giving. Keep on serving.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I will freely give of my time and talents and resources to those who are in need. I will not be tight fisted. I will not be closed handed. I will generously give to others what you have given to me. Use my life to richly bless the lives of a multitude of others. Amen*

**Promises** *Not Lose His Reward*

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

NIV Matthew 10:42

**Promises** *Surely Be Rewarded*

And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."

NLT Matthew 10:42

**Promises** *None Of These Will Lose Their Reward*

and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

NRSV Matthew 10:42

**Promises** *Shall Not Lose His Reward*

And whoever gives to one of these little ones [in rank or influence] even a cup of cold water because he is My disciple, surely I declare to you, he shall not lose his reward.

AMP Matthew 10:42

**Promises** *Shall Not Lose His Reward*

"And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

NASB Matthew 10:42

**Promises** *By No Means Lose His Reward*

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

ESV Matthew 10:42

**Promises** *By No Means Lose His Reward*

And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

NKJV Matthew 10:42

**Promises** *Won't Lose Out On A Thing*

Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won't lose out on a thing."

MSG Matthew 10:42

**Promises** *You Will Surely Be Rewarded*

"And if, as my representatives, you give even a cup of cold water to a little child, you will surely be rewarded."

TLB Matthew 10:42

**Promises** *Will Truly Get Their Reward*

Those who give one of these little ones a cup of cold water because they are my followers will truly get their reward."

NCV Matthew 10:42

# Not Lose His Reward

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – Matthew 10:42

**In Context:** *Read Matthew 10*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will freely give of my time and talents and resources to those who are in need. I will not be tight fisted. I will not be closed handed. I will generously give to others what you have given to me. Use my life to richly bless the lives of a multitude of others. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**Why would it be a foolish mistake to fail to help others who are in great need?**

Who has been generous with you when you were in great need?

Who has been an example for you to follow of being willing to generously give to others?

What did it cost the Lord to generously give to you because you were in great need?

**How can you now give generously of your time, talents and resources to those who are in need?**

Why will you never regret generously giving to others what the Lord has given to you?

**Why can you be certain that the Lord will reward you in heaven for being generous with others in this life?**

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Freely give of your time, talents and resources to those who are in need.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you will receive a reward in heaven because you have freely given to those who are in need.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are freely given to those who are in need.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you freely give to those who are in need.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will freely give to those who are in need.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I freely give to others in need today?*

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