

A Great Day in the Kingdom

Do you ever see something or smell something that evokes a memory of childhood? Every time I smell pumpkin bread my synapses trigger a pleasant memory of years past and Christmas time with my Grandmother. To this day I don't know if pumpkin bread is pleasant to my taste or if the taste itself reminds me of pleasant times. My Grandmother was an incredibly kind person. "Bless their heart" was all she ever said about someone of whom she did not approve.

There is a second food that reminds me of my Grandmother, but it involves more Biblical context. The food? Reeses' Peanut Butter Cups, was a study in benevolence my Grandmother, Mary Lee Robbins insisted that we learn. When my sister and I accompanied her to Piggly Wiggly there was always the same reward at the end of the arduous journey. You guessed it, Reeses'. The problem was, she purchased one pack to be shared between me and my sister. Why Lord? Why? We then were required to alternate who would present the other with a single Reeses'. What a beating?! I remember thinking, "What a jip! I only got half the reward!" We always wanted both candies. We wanted the whole package. We wanted it all!

In the 10th chapter of Matthew Jesus teaches the Disciples about generosity. He speaks of a reward. Of course, the reward is at the end of this earthly life. As we care selflessly for others, we emulate that of Christ. Our reward comes later and it is forever.

Matthew 10:42 "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."

My Grandmother reminds me every time I check out at the grocery store, that I am called to give, as a Disciple of Jesus Christ. She never lets up. The orange package beckons me to question what I have done that very day to express the Love of Christ. Have I shared the goodness? Just like the Reeses', there is plenty of God's Love, through Christ to share with the world. I thank God today for those lessons. God is The Good of Goodness, to be shared. Let us all show by sharing, as our full reward comes later.