

# A Request for a Nickel

I read recently about a little girl who approached her father and asked for a nickel.

The father drew out his wallet and offered her a \$5 bill. But the little girl, not knowing what it was, would not take it.

“I don’t want that,” she said. “I want a nickel.”

We chuckle at the story and the little girl’s naiveté about money matters, all the while thinking, “Oh, yes, she will act differently as she grows.”

But are there times when we deal with our heavenly Father as this little girl did with her earthly father? Do we sometimes ask for some small favor and refuse His offer of a blessing a hundred times more valuable?



When we come to God with petitions, He promises to answer. But it is not always the answer we want to hear. It is, however, the answer that God knows is best for us.

We must believe that God will be a faithful provider, no matter what our circumstances. Psalm 111:5 says, “He provides food for those who fear him; He remembers His covenant forever.”

What an amazing promise: He will never forget about our needs, and He will sometimes bless us beyond our wildest imagination. He will accept our prayers and our cries for mercy.

What an awesome God we serve!

As you consider God’s goodness toward you, how about calling to mind two or three special, and valuable, blessings He has given you this week – and thank Him for them.

*The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer (Psalm 6:9 NIV).*

– Beecher Hunter