His Bottom Dollar

In *McKinney Living*, Robert J. Duncan tells the story of a friend named Cam who attended the final performance of the Grand Ole Opry at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn. When he found himself backstage with an acquaintance, he quickly asked the various stars there to sign the only piece of paper he could find – a \$1 bill. That dollar bill became Cam's prized possession.

One morning in the bitter winter of 1976-77, Cam left the station where he worked and noticed a young man sitting in an old yellow Dodge. The car was still there the next day, and the next. Cam asked if something was wrong, and the man told him he had arrived in town for a job that didn't begin for three more days. He had no food and no place to stay. Reluctantly, he asked Cam if he might borrow a dollar. Cam

told him he was down to his last dime, but then recalled his Grand Ole Opry dollar. He gave it spontaneously.

The next day, Cam got a job paying \$500 for two hours' work. More opportunities began to flow his way. Eventually, Cam got back on his feet financially.

He never again saw the man in the old yellow car. Cam only knew that whoever the man was, and whatever principle was in effect, things happened when he gave his "bottom dollar."

I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward (Mark 9:41).

Beecher Hunter