

# Take a Dime and Earn a Million

Martha Berry founded a school for needy children in the early 1900s. On one occasion, she asked Henry Ford for a million dollars to assist her school.

Instead of donating the huge sum, Ford gave her a dime. She graciously accepted the dime and bought some peanuts for her schoolboys to plant.

The next season, they harvested the peanuts and used the entire crop to plant a larger field. Eventually, they harvested enough peanuts to buy a piano for their music students.

Martha Berry wrote a letter to Mr. Ford telling him how they had used his dime to grow enough peanuts to buy a piano. Ford was so impressed by her faithfulness with the dime that he gave her school a million dollars.

Martha Berry died in 1942, and her faithfulness with the dime is still paying off. That small school for needy children continues to exist today, except now it is called Berry College in Georgia. It is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in Mount Berry in Floyd County, just north of Rome, Georgia.

Berry was founded by Martha Berry in 1902. With 27,000 acres, Berry College boasts the largest contiguous campus in the world.



And it all started with being faithful with a dime.

What's the lesson for us?

Sometimes God will give us something small, like a dime, as a test to see how we will handle it. If we are faithful with it, He will give us more.

Jesus said, "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10 NASB).

What do *you* have right now? God created you with a plan in mind, and He gave you the gifts to accomplish it. Are you being faithful with those talents?

Rather than complaining about what we don't have, we should start being faithful with what we do have, and God might surprise us with a blessing that's much greater than we could ever imagine.

– Beecher Hunter