

Subject: Fw: \$10

Hey Danny,

I just wanted to follow up with you about the \$10 you gave us at church a couple of weeks ago. Mike and I were saying last week that we knew we could give it to anybody, but we were kind of praying for the right person to present to us. We were both surprised that in a 10 day period, we didn't run into anybody who was asking for money, somebody short on cash, nor did we even go through drive-thru to pay for the person behind us. Then when we were driving home on Friday from Michigan after visiting my dad, we saw an elderly man riding a bike on the side of the road. He could hardly maneuver the bike. I'm ashamed to admit that my first thought was that he was probably drunk. We continued to drive for a few seconds then Mike and I decided to turn around. When we got back to him, he had stopped and was bending over on a bridge - again, my thought was that he was drunk and worse yet, he was now throwing up. But as we got closer, we realized he was bending over to pick up an aluminum can. We also read the sign he had on his bike that stated "looking for aluminum cans for cash." As we approached, he gave us a double look and realized we were pulling over so he turned his bike toward us. I rolled down my window and asked how he was doing. He said he was okay and just trying to get around until the homeless shelter opened up at 6 p.m. I felt a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes. Unfortunately we didn't have much time... I gave him the \$10, gave him a blessing, told him we will be praying for him and wished him well. I wish Mike and I had more time to talk to him - I also wish we had actually prayed with him. I've done that in the past - taken a meal and sat with someone in the snow while they ate. We will continue to search for the people God needs us to bless.

Thank you for the gift.

LM

Subject: Reverse offering

Good morning Danny,

My prayers led me to using my "Jesus Money" to provide Christmas meals for our brothers and sisters at Faith Mission. I gave my \$10 and doubled it to provide meals and hope to 44 homeless people at Faith Mission. I pray for their continued journey to experience and know God's love and grace.

Thank you for the blessing of being one of God's disciples to give hope and love to those in need. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,

NH

\$10 Blessing

Danny just thought I would share. Last night I'm sure I was one of the ones with a strange look on my face. I wish you really could have had pictures of all our faces. But as the baskets of 10.00 were being passed around I asked the Lord to help us all Bless someone. As soon as I picked up my 10.00 the name Bill came to mind, my husband has an elderly co-worker named Bill that just this week had to have unplanned open heart surgery. This is who I believe the 10.00 is to Bless. Thank you for being such a wonderful giving pastor and all of the other pastors as well. I love VCDC and being a part of such a loving church family.

Subject: Blessing

Nancy and I prayed for a week for Jesus to show us someone we could reach out to with the \$10 and we were not hearing Christ. Finally at the end of the week God put Nancy's cousin on her heart who is in her eighties. She is a strong Christian and she took care of her mother when she had dementia. This was needless to saying very trying for her. She finally had to put her mom into assisted living where she passed away after a short stay. Within a year of her mother passing away her husband came down with Alzheimer's and she spent several years taking care of him, which was a full time job and very demanding on her. She finally had to put him into assisted living where he is currently residing. He is to the point where he does not know her. She is the definition of a Godly servant with a truly joyful attitude even though all of this has been over 10 + years. We added to the \$10 and sent her flowers anonymously. Thank You for giving us this opportunity to put a smile on the face of a very deserving woman.

C & N

Subject: 10 dollars

I had an encounter with a young man where he works. This store often employees those with disabilities which is awesome, however, on this day I witnessed a conversation between him and another employee that bothered me. I couldn't stop thinking about him and what I observed so I felt compelled to write to him. I have included below in this email. I also kept feeling/sensing 20, so I increased your \$10.00 to \$20.00

Hello G___,

you don't know me however, this morning I saw you while you were at work in Sunbury. I was shopping and we made eye contact, acknowledged one another then I continued shopping as you went about doing your work.

The reason I am writing to you is because I witnessed your encounter with a co-worker in regards to what you should have been doing and what area you should have been in. I wanted you to know that the way she spoke to you was disrespectful and unnecessary, yet you not only handled it as a gentleman but with grace .The situation bothered me enough that I made sure your manager was aware of what had taken place.

My husband and I teach our children that whenever you have a chance to be kind always choose kindness, regardless of whether you know that person or not. People deserve to be treated with respect and kindness and you never know what impact that kind word or gesture could have an

individual.

We never know why God puts certain people in our lives, even if for just a brief moment. It is not our job to question it, but to trust in the Lord with all our heart, and to not lean on our own understanding, however, in all our ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight our paths. I am unsure as to why our paths crossed and why you are still in my thoughts this evening. It could be as simple as the friendly smile we showed one another conveying that I see you, you are relevant. Or to remind us that doing right by others and unto our self is important, or to not just stand silently by when you see or hear something that doesn't sit right with you. Just maybe the reason was for us to be still in that moment to remember that God is always with us doing wonderful things through us .

Even though we are strangers and our encounter was seconds, you impressed upon my heart to show grace even in hard or uncomfortable situations and to those who do not always show kindness.

I hope that you and your family enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Subject: RE: \$10 Offering!

Hi Danny,

I really loved the “reverse” offering and the assignment to bless someone as a church body! Such a neat surprise!

I prayed that night and every morning after for God to put who He wanted me to bless in my path. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday passed- nothing tugged at my spirit. Then Thursday I went to the Marion County Dog Pound to walk the dogs. There are 4 dogs there that need surgical procedures – Garfield- a sweet boxer mix, is blessed with that \$10 and a bit more of my own for his eye surgery.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Subject: A Divine Appointment

Good morning Pastor Danny,

I wanted to share a story with you that occurred within this last week.....

Last Tuesday, I had won a \$100 Amazon gift card from my work.

The Sunday before last, you gave the congregation \$10 and we were to use it in some fashion that would be pleasing to God, helpful to others. Well, when I took the \$10 I prayed over it (and still am honestly), but I also prayed that if there's any way to bless anyone, however that may be, that God would make a way. I left church that day and headed off to work for a few hours. A

couple days had gone by and it was time for me to go to my very first Small Group. My leader asked if I had done anything with my \$10 yet and how she kept thinking about a mutual friend whose husband recently lost his job.

I couldn't stop thinking about our friend. When they got married about a year ago, she quit working so that she could raise the three kids (2 of hers, 1 of his - ages 14, 3, and 4). I have a 45 minute commute time on a good day and on this particular commute, they continued to be on my mind. In tears, I said "Ok Lord, I know I have the \$100 Amazon gift card that I won at work last week and I haven't used yet. If this is your will, please make a way." This was Tuesday.

I went to work on Wednesday and immediately had a meeting. Our CEO was giving everyone a \$700 bonus to be paid out on Friday!! Now after taxes, it's more like \$350 but still enough that I didn't need the Amazon card for Christmas. I felt like that was God making a way. I said, "Ok Lord. I hear you....if I am to get this card to _____ and her family; I pray that you show me the way."

Thursday when I dropped my son off at my sitter, she and I talked as normal but I felt a nudge to ask her how to get something to our friend. I didn't know the girls address but we are friends on Facebook. She said to just ask her how she was doing. So I did just that and it turned out that we both had some time on Friday to meet. We met at JR Smith Park here in Sunbury and chatted like long lost friends.....about anything and everything. She began to talk about the holidays coming up and the birthday of the youngest being on 12/19 and her husband not having a job - but actively searching. She said they are making it on her child support and what little bit she makes from babysitting.

Before we parted ways, I felt a nudge inside of me so I told her "Before you go, I have something for you in the van." She looked puzzled and I felt a thumping in my chest. On the way to my van, I felt like I was being carried and there was no turning back. My heart began to thump a little more the closer I got to the gift card. I couldn't help but smile as I walked back to her and the kids. The words just came out "_____, you have been on my heart all week! I don't know what you need this for whether it's something for the house or to help with Christmas for the kids but you need this." I held her as she cried on my shoulder.

I started attending VCDC regularly around Feb/Mar of this year and have definitely noticed a positive difference in my own life. Something told me to sign up for the Children's Ministry in the fall. Seemed like a task I could handle so I did. I didn't expect what was next....these children really change your life! You may not realize it right there in that class room but they really do. Then _____ invited me to join her Small Group and then this divine appointment with my friend _____. I feel God drawing me closer in a way that I have never felt before even when I attended church (it's been since I was a teenager). God has a plan for me that is greater than my plan for me....I am learning to be a little less stressed and go with God's flow.

His love endures,
A C

Subject: \$10 Second Offering Story

Hi Danny & Bill,

Mike and I wanted to share our story thus far regarding the \$10 second offering.

When we left church on Sunday, we were thinking about our neighbor _____.
Here's our story that we wrote "YESTERDAY":

Despite being visitors on Sunday, we put \$10 in the offering basket...it was then returned during the second "offering". Our neighbor "_____" is presently caring for her elderly Mom. We stopped at Kroger to purchase flowers for _____ to brighten her day. When we arrived, we saw an orchid that was just beautiful. The price was exactly \$10.00. When we were checking out, we discovered that the orchid we chose was missing the "bar code". The clerk took the orchid, placed it in a bag and handed it back to us and said "have a wonderful day; this flower is on me, enjoy". It's such a true blessing to be able to see God's magical and loving grace first hand. Now we are able to touch another person with the original \$10.00. We will see how God speaks to us the rest of the week.

The story continues with the orchid. We wrote on the card "May you feel God smiling down on you, even in the darkest of days. Hang in there. We love you, M____ and S_____". We went over to her house while she was gone and put it on her table. When she got home she said it brought her a smile, she needed it.

This morning at 7:02 am, we got a knock on our door that _____'s mother passed away in the night peacefully. God surely had his hand on this one. _____ will now be able to look at this orchid and have wonderful thoughts of her Mother.

We will keep you posted as our week continues.

M and S

Subject: 10.00 reverse offering

This is T____ V____, just wanted to thank you for having us to give the money to someone that God put on our heart to give it to. I gave the money to my niece Wednesday, i just felt like God wanted me to give it to her, she was playing volleyball a few months ago for her high school team and hit heads with another player and went down, and since she has been in a lot of pain and dizzy, she has been going to physical therapy, but is still only able to go to school half a day, so i took her to school Wednesday, and told her that God loves her and that she is special to him because he put it on my heart to give her the money just to let her know how much she means to him. She got the biggest smile on her face and thanked me, and i said it was not my money but money given to me to bless someone, you could just tell it made her day knowing that God really loves her, thank you! And as i was on my way home from work that day, I got stuck in traffic, and was running late to stop at a church close to us to get some food, when things are tight i go there, but anyway i just asked god to help me get there in time before they closed and also have time to pick up _____ at the school, so God blessed, I was the last one that day to the food pantry, and they gave me extra food, and one of the guys there had hurt is back and was talking

about it, and I told him I would be praying for him, and I had went out to my car to put the food in it, and when I brought the cart back to them. He said here I want to give you this gift card, it was from Kroger, and it was enough to get a turkey and things needed for thanksgiving. So because you were faithful to do what god told you giving the 10.00, and me giving it to my niece, God blessed so much. Thank you! I did not stop there, lol At the rental office where I live there is a single mom that works in the office, and we both encourage each other and talk about how God helps us through so many things. I just felt like I was supposed to give her 10.00 also so i told her how God had put her on my heart and that i wanted to give her the money, and that God just wants her to know that he loves her and cares about her, tears came to her eyes, and she said no you keep the money, I told her the story about how the church was having people to bless others with the 10.00, and she said this just makes my day, and she wanted to know where I go to church, and asked if maybe sometime her and her mom could go to my church with me, they live in Delaware, so thanks to you again for a second blessing that would not of happened if it was not started by you listening to God, to get this all started. So hopefully she will be coming to church soon and i can introduce you to her. Thanks so much for the blessings of those two people and how God blessed _____ and me, for me being obedient to doing what you wanted us to do to bless someone. Thanks!

Subject: Gods 10 dollars

As soon as you announced what we were doing my mind went straight to a fund raiser spaghetti dinner at the Sunbury Grill the following Tuesday. It was to help a family who lost their home to fire. But then I thought that was too easy so I went to the fund raiser from 4-7 pm and spent my own money. As I sat there I waited to see if god wanted to use that 10 for something more significant. About that time the owner's wife walked by and said it's not even 5 yet and we only have 30 servings left. I ask if they had more supplies would they have time to cook it. She got the thumbs up from her husband and I left out the front door for Kroger's. I bought 12lbs of spaghetti and 12 giant jugs of sauce. When paying the bill cashier asked if I wanted to round up to help feed the poor and I said yes. Drove around back of the restaurant and asked kitchen staff to come out and carry supplies. I didn't go back inside but instead drove home to let God finish his work. The next morning I stopped in for breakfast to find out that they had run out the first time after 65 servings around 5ish. Gods spaghetti ran out again at 6.30 after another 135 servings for a total of about 200 servings. If you know how small the grill is that's a lot of people thru there. At \$8 a recommended serving that would be around \$1600. Yet I was told they brought in nearly \$3k and it was still coming in. I have talked a lot about the money but what I want to STAND OUT IS GODS WORK BEING DONE. I could feel Jesus presence so strong while I was eating I just didn't want it to end. And he made sure it didn't. He touched so many lives in a few hours and I am grateful I got to witness it. Thanks for the opportunity. R H

Subject: Community Challenge

Hi Danny,

I wanted to report back concerning the \$10.00 Community Challenge.

My women's group meets at the Schrock Road Panera's on Saturday mornings. There is an elderly man that is always there when I arrive. He eats his breakfast alone, and is joined about 45 minutes later by a few friends. He has been on my mind this week. I felt strongly that I was to make him a Thanksgiving card and enclose a Panera gift card. It was a simple card, and I wished him a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. He was very appreciative, did not say much, but had a huge smile on his face. A seed is planted, and it will be interesting to see what unfolds from here.

Blessings,
J B

Subject: \$10

Hello Pastor Danny,

I'm writing to let you know how I used my Jesus money (that's what we call my tithing at my house.) There's a special fund at Children's Hospital for terminally ill children called the Mason Woods Foundation. The Foundation provides all kinds of gifts for the children to "shop" for their parents and siblings at Christmas. I purchased candles, 2017 calendars, car washing mitts, stockings, hats, gift bags/boxes, etc. at the Dollar Store. (I added a little more \$.). I know the children LOVE this opportunity to give gifts to their parents.

Thanks,
D S

\$10 Reverse Offering

We gave our baby sitter a \$10 tip this week for getting _____ early so I could get to work since _____ is out of town with the money I got from church Saturday night.

Reverse offering update

Hello! I took my son, (age 8) to get a haircut at great clips in Westerville. A man that works there nearly hit us with the door on our way in and was stomping around being exceptionally short with people. I had hoped he wouldn't call _____'s name when he became available to do the next cut but he did. He was short with me while asking how I wanted it cut. I sat down and remembered the \$10 and texted _____ to see if we should use that as additional tip for a stylist that was obviously having a hard day. _____ agreed. So after I paid \$10 for the haircut I handed the \$10 bill to the man and he cried. He thanked us and I told him Happy Thanksgiving and that we had much to be thankful for he cried more and apologized for crying and thanked me again. So, thank you to my wonderful church for this...thank you.

C, J, R and C

Subject: Sundays reverse offering

Hi Danny,

I wanted to let you know how much we have loved discussing how we wanted bless someone with the \$10 you gave us. After talking with our kids, they each had ideas of things we could do. We added to the \$10 to make the following happen.

-Our 11 year old daughter _____ bought a box of chocolates to give to the elderly lady who lives across the street. She will often stop at her house to visit, take in her mail or help her with her trash. She is a lady who is in her 90's and has a lot of personality but we don't believe she has Jesus.

-Our 8th grade son _____, along with _____ and I, have had a boy from his school on our hearts. We are working with the counselor to secretly give him a new warm sweatshirt for the colder months.

-Our high school son, _____ is getting a pizza gift card for a school friend whose mother has been sick for quite a while. He wants them to be able to order dinner whenever they don't feel like cooking.

Thanks again for getting this ball rolling,

B J

\$10 Reverse Offering

Pastor Meyer, you asked for stories about the Reverse Offering. Here is one from my family: My mom wasn't able to come this weekend to our regular Saturday night service but when she heard about the Reverse Offering she was excited about the opportunity to bless someone. It did not take her long, either. When she went to work the next day she saw a coworker and immediately knew who to bless. A fellow-housekeeper at the retirement community where my mom works, _____ is a young woman who has hopes of being a nurse someday but struggles with providing for her 2 kids under 3 years old. My mom told her about the Reverse Offering and said that "God wants to bless you and has good plans for you". She gave her the \$10 and another \$10 besides. _____ was surprised but grateful. She wanted to know where we go to church. My mom told her and she recognized the Vineyard from when she had done community service in high school at the location on Cooper Road. Mom also told her about Vineyard's free clinic. What a blessing is it to be a part of a church which has a reputation for serving the community! This Reverse Offering is another great way to make the name of Jesus famous!

\$10 Reverse Offering

Wanted to let someone know how I used the \$10 from this past weekend's service... I donated it to the Fravel's gofundme campaign. I also wanted to say that I've never seen anything like this before and think it was an awesome idea :)

Subject: Ten dollars it meant the world to me

Danny, so I was driving home from Saturday evening's service and praying, "Lord who would have me/us give this ten dollars to?"

On the previous Sunday, my young neighbor across the street, _____, had agreed to change my Honda Civic's brake fluid this Sunday, 11/13. I felt that he was the person God wanted us to bless with the ten dollars. I shared that with _____ and she agreed.

So after getting my brake fluid changed today for a whopping ten dollars, I gave him two ten dollar bills. I told him the story of what our church did. I told him our church had never done this before and we were told to take the ten dollars and give it to the person God led us to. I said "I felt God wanted to bless you with the ten dollars." You should have seen the smile on _____'s face. He said "It meant the world to me."

I also offered to pray or bless him. He declined, but He shared that four years ago things were bad, and things have turned around. He was now in a good place. He appreciated the offer and said if he ever did, he would take me up on that.

I think his parents are Christians. _____ is a young guy in his early 30's. Heavily tattooed, he works as a Service Manager for a Honda retailer in Marysville. He and his male roommate bought the house a couple of years ago. We just got to know him over the past year or so. _____ and I have had some casual conversations with him and his former girlfriend. _____ has given him some homemade cookies. I had been praying to the Lord for over the past year, for the right time and the right opportunity to pray or bless _____ in a meaningful way. The ten dollars meant a lot to him; that God had singled him out.

Danny, thanks to you and the church team for giving me/us an opportunity to build a meaningful bridge with our neighbor _____. I look forward to seeing what God will do in _____'s life, and hearing many more God stories of how God has used the ten dollars to bless others.

God bless you and the rest of the pastoral and administrative staff.

P

Subject: Fw: Reverse offering story

Hello Danny,

You had asked us to send you a note with stories about what God did in giving away the amount of money that you gave us and a reverse offering. _____ and I followed along the lines you gave us, prayed last night and asked God how he wanted to use the money to bless someone. _____ had the sense we were supposed to give it to the young lady who cuts my hair. _____ and I went down there today. I have been talking to her about God, invited her to our church a few times. She is in a season of life where she has just stepped back from

fellowship, partly due to her job schedule. As I sat in the chair, I was her about how God just wants to be with us, he wants fellowship with us more than anything. As she was finishing the cut, I told her about the reverse offering; that you had instructed us to pray about what God would want to bless somebody with this money. I told her that _____ and I were praying and God brought her name to mind. So I said “here you go”, put the \$10 on her workstation, and said “the good Lord must really be thinking about you.” At first she said “well thank you”, then tears came to her eyes “I don’t know what is coming over me.” Then she hugged me and said “you are so nice to me”. She seemed deeply moved; tears were coming down as she took the money for the cut. I told _____ and we shared a smile. Way to go God!

B

\$10 Reverse Offering

I am on jury duty this week and as I walked into the jury pool room I overheard a conversation while I was signing in which was initiated by a young man, a fellow juror. He was very politely asking other jurors for help - a loan of \$10 - he had left his wallet at home today, didn't realize until after he parked his car in the garage and didn't have a way to retrieve his car later today. Everyone he asked turned him down. After checking in I went in search of him and found him very quickly. I handed him the \$10 and said it was a gift - he need not pay me back and I was able to share with him that this was a reverse offering opportunity presented at my church to bless someone in need with the \$10 given me. He was dumbfounded. We had a short conversation and I was able to share with him that this \$10 was a gift from God meant to bless him personally and that this gift was given because Jesus loves him. He thanked me (it wasn't me!) and he walked away stunned. And it was even enough to buy his lunch today as well. My heart is dancing! Yay God!!!