



My formula for creating Moore than meets the Eye is to first, take a lot of photos. On an average Saturday morning I may take 100 photos; of these if I am lucky, I have 10 that I consider keepers. I move my keepers to a folder and daily walk through my garden of photos and choose one to be the Photo of the day. Next I look at the photo and try to let it speak to me. What is the message of the photo? What does it make me feel? Is there a theme? Does it illustrate anything important? I try to let the photo tell me what I should say.

Next, I search my collections of notes, books of quotations, internet, you name it and I look in it to find material related to the message of the photo. I usually end up with a couple of pages of interconnected fabric from which I sew the quilt I call, Photo of the Day. Then I just start writing and never know where I am going or how it will end.

I have been looking at this photo for weeks, trying to figure out what was its message. Tonight it came to me as I looked at it with fresh eyes and an eager ear. Its message to me was the importance of generosity. I remembered the joy, happiness and contentment I felt the day I took this picture; as I parked on the side of some no-named road next to a beautiful patch of wild flowers.

I feel like a small child who has just been given a new toy, sitting in a room of children who have no toys. As I set here enjoying **MY** toy, I can hear my father whisper and say, "Be nice and share". I say, "My gift is small, unimportant; and not enough to

go around. Other people have better gifts than I do, use there's." But my father tells me to give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think. Every gift which is given, even though it is small, is great if given with love and faith.

So today, I give you this small gift. I hope you can feel some of the happiness and joy I felt on this gorgeous day. But remember to share, because our Father said it was more blessed to give than to receive. Why not give it a try today? Look in your hands, your heart and your life and find something to share with those closest to you. You may think what you have to share is small and unimportant; but to those lonely souls with broken hearts next to you it may be better than you dare to think. Give it a try, what have you got to lose?

Something to think about:

- We are never more like God than when we give.
- God's arithmetic: love, joy, and peace multiply when you divide with others.
- You do not have to be rich to be generous. If he has the spirit of true generosity, a pauper can give like a prince.
- Many of the debts we owe to God are payable to man.
- Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
- Nothing costs as much as caring—except not caring.
- The best portions of a good man's life—His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.
- Selfishness turns life into a burden. Unselfishness turns burdens into life!

You only keep what you give away.
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