



Thursday Thought

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“Dreaming Big”

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Verse for the week: Mark 11:23-24 (NLT) “I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. 24 I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours.”

Great Quote: “The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.” - Michelangelo

Have you ever dreamed of winning the lottery, even though you don’t play it? Maybe it was winning the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes. My mother would always send hers back in and would place stickers on the envelope so that it would stand out. Possibly you began dreaming about what you would do with all that money from your long lost relative from Saudi Arabia, 15 times removed, after receiving the email that said you had been discovered as the only living relative to the billion-dollar estate. (That’s exciting until you keep reading and find out that you need to send them your bank routing number and account number.) I’ve dreamed about it. I have a rather long list that includes paying off debt, purchasing a vehicle for my wife, purchasing a building in El Salvador to open a school to train pastors, helping others in need, upgrading the heating and cooling in our church gymnasium as well as the floors, and **most importantly** I would purchase new chairs that connect for the church sanctuary (I guess I should get carpet too). That’s a pretty expensive list and I only mentioned a few. It’s fun to dream. The only problem with dreaming is that if we just sit around and dream we will accomplish nothing. The way to see that dream come to fruition (the point at which a plan or project is realized) is when we get up off the couch, and begin to pursue it. Some have pursued their dreams but when things didn’t happen quickly enough, they gave up and quit. God can give us new dreams! C.S. Lewis said, *“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”* Whatever that dream is, you must work at it! **2 Chronicles 15:7** (NLT) says, **“But as for you, be strong and courageous, for your work will be rewarded.”** and **Colossians 3:23** (NIV) says, **Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”** I don’t think much of anything in life comes easy. So get up and get moving. Don’t let past failures discourage you from dreaming but let your biggest goal and dream be to hear God say **“Well Done!”**

Questions to ask yourself: Have you had a dream that died and need to ask God to give you a new dream? What dream do you have right now that you need to begin working towards?