

GENEROUS LIVING

ALL OF ME
IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM



Mark Finley tells the story of an old Texas farmer during the Great Depression named Yates. This poor man was having problems making the mortgage payments on his farm.

The bank told him that if he didn't pay in three weeks it was going to foreclose on him. And so Mr Yates was very discouraged.

But the next day a man knocked on his door and asked him if he would be willing to sign some papers to give an oil company the rights to drill on his property. Since Yates was going to lose his farm anyway he thought, "Why not? What can it hurt?"

Just a few days later this petroleum company struck oil—lot's of it. Soon the well was producing 82,000 barrels a day. Suddenly poor Mr. Yates became rich Mr. Yates.

Tell me, when did he become a millionaire? When oil was discovered or when he bought the farm? The oil was there all the time, just below the ground where he walked, but Mr. Yates didn't realize it.

Every day he had walked across those fields with his head down, discouraged, thinking he was going to lose his farm. But he was actually a wealthy man the whole time.

You know there are a lot of Christians who are poor spiritually. They're walking around feeling weak and defeated when they could be filled with joy.

They are truly rich if they would just recognize the great spiritual gifts God is ready to give them.

In Ephesians 1:3 Paul says "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ."

We are rich through Jesus. He has blessed us with "Every spiritual blessing."



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