



## FRIEND TO FRIEND

*From an interview with Bishop Dean M. Davies,  
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# The Toy Truck

*“The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works”  
(Deuteronomy 15:10).*

**W**hen I was about seven years old, I saw a toy truck at the store that I really wanted, and it only cost 98 cents! I ran home to my mother and asked her for the money to buy it. In her wisdom, she said no, she wouldn't give me the money. But if I wanted it, I could earn it.

She suggested that I ask our neighbor, Sister Anderson, if I could mow her lawn. Sister Anderson offered to pay me \$1.50. Her lawn had some very tall grass, and she had an old-fashioned push mower without a motor. It was very hard work, but after two hours, I finished mowing and had \$1.50 in my pocket. I had painful blisters on my hands,



and I was very tired. But on the inside, I was happy.

I worked hard and paid my tithing. Finally I was able to buy the toy truck all by myself. At that moment I realized the blessings of work. If I was willing to work, I could do many things in my life. I learned to enjoy work. I wanted to mow even more lawns and make each one even more beautiful than when I started on it.

I learned that whatever we do, extra effort makes a difference and makes us happy too. ♦

