## Day \#46: Upping It

## Wednesday, 4 February 2009

WOW! This is a Good One Today.
I woke up at 6:30 a.m. and figured l'd better walk an hour this morning before my workout session at 8 a.m. because I had a full day ahead. I left Doc a note (he was still sleeping) saying I was headed to the Home Depot to walk the parking lot and hunt for pennies.

While driving to Home Depot, I was 'Nudged' to go instead to the Ralphs Shopping center. Thoughts while getting out of the truck: "Oops, forgot the pedometer. Oh well, the number of steps is not important. It's the one hour spent Penny Finding that's most important."

Silent Conversation: "Good Morning Penny Angels! Thanks for your extra help yesterday. I was too sick to get out and hunt, but today I am back at full speed, so guide my footsteps."

Six minutes into the walk I found Penny \#1. Then at nine minutes there was Penny \#2 along with a dime! Coin \#3. After that I started talking -- out loud at this point. "Thank You Penny Angels. That takes care of today. I can write Penny Tales tonight and relax the rest of the day. Now if you don't mind I need to talk to God."
"Good morning God. This may seem bold, but if you really want us to continue building this 'ark', then you are going to need to provide more than pennies.

These Penny Tales are fun and they make people smile, but let's be realistic here. Pennies are not going to fund that ark! It is going to take more than 1-2 pennies a day. If YOU REALLY want us to continue on this project, you will need to 'up it' or change some conditions to make this happen."

I was methodically going up and down each row in the parking lot. There was a parked SUV at the end of the row, then just one empty parking stall on the other side of it. I was planning to walk to the SUV, turn around and walk down the next aisle.
Nudging: "Go to the other side of the SUV."
Tina: "To look in just one empty stall?" Nudging: "Go ahead."

I walked around the back of the SUV to see a folded up paper. It looked like a dollar bill! In all these walks I have never found paper money.
Tina: "Could it be $\$ 1$ bill? That would be One Hundred times a Penny -- and within just 60 seconds of my asking! That would sure be 'upping it' from a penny!" That would be a very impressive response to share with Penny Pals.

I picked up the bill and unfolded it. It was a $\mathbf{\$ 2 0}$ bill! That is TWO THOUSAND pennies!

At that point tears just started flowing.
An answer of such magnitude within 60 seconds of asking. Wow!

