



Boasting - Seeking Notoriety - About Helping The Needy



Jeremiah 9:23 New International Version

23 This is what the Lord says:

“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,

James 4:16-17 New International Version

16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.
17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

Psalm 10:2-4 New International Version

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In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak,
who are caught in the schemes he devises.

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He boasts about the cravings of his heart;
he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord.

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**In his pride the wicked man does not seek him;
in all his thoughts there is no room for God.**

Psalm 75:4-5 New International Version

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To the arrogant I say, ‘Boast no more,’
and to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up your horns.^[a]

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Do not lift your horns against heaven;
do not speak so defiantly.’”

Jude 16 New International Version

False teachers love to boast.

16 These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.

2 Peter 2:18-19 New International Version

18 For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.

19 They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.”

James 4:13-15 New International Version

Boasting About Tomorrow

13 Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.”

14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

15 Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

Proverbs 27:1 New International Version

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Do not boast about tomorrow,
for you do not know what a day may bring.

Ephesians 2:8-9 New International Version

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 3:26-28 New International Version

26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.

28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.



Stephanie Apstein - Sports Illustrated - Story - Oct 26, 2018:

The Story Behind Markus Lynn “Mookie” Betts, going to Feed the Homeless at 2 a.m. After a successful Game 2, Mookie Betts arrived home to tons of Dominican food. When he couldn't finish it, he went to feed the homeless in Downtown Boston.

Mookie Betts is generously listed at 5’ 9”, 180 pounds, but the man can *eat*.

He has been known to go out to dinner, then get home and order delivery.

So after Game 2 of the World Series, in which Betts went 3–4 and his Red Sox took a 2–0 series lead over the Dodgers, he was thrilled to see the frankly preposterous amount of Dominican food awaiting him and five others in his Back Bay apartment.

He had placed the order with David Ortiz, who had apparently thought Betts was feeding the 40-man roster.

That's too much, said his mother, Diana Benedict.

That's too much, agreed his father, Willie Betts.

Mookie and Cam Lewis, his best friend since seventh grade at Oliver (Nashville) Middle School, insisted they could eat it all: a countertop full of chicken, steak, rice, beans, vegetables, even a flan. They stuffed themselves, but finally they admitted defeat.

Normally they would feast on leftovers the next day, but they had early flights to Los Angeles for Game 3.

“We should go and give it away,” suggested Willie.

Lewis remembered the line of people who usually sleep wrapped in blankets, shivering on cardboard boxes, abutting the Boston Public Library on nearby Boylston Street.

It was nearing 2 a.m. and 37 degrees—but that was true for the homeless people, as well.

So the two wrapped themselves in three layers of down and wool and headed out into the night.

They grabbed a shopping cart from a nearby parking lot and loaded it with tin foil trays, plastic silverware, napkins and wet naps, and some of the cases of bottled water that Body Armor, which Betts endorses, had sent.

They gently woke a few people to offer them dinner, and within a few minutes close to two dozen men and women were eating.

“Thank you so much,” someone said. “We were hungry all day.”

Betts has declined to comment on the night, but that is the point that Lewis makes to *Sports Illustrated* when he retells it:

These people were hungry.

Betts and his friends and family were not.

“We didn’t think it would be such a big thing,”

Lewis says of the media attention the story got once a passerby [called into](#) WEEI radio.

“It was just the right thing to do.”

They purposely did not take their phones or tell anyone what they had planned.

In fact, even that term is too strong, he insists.

Going forward, they would like to distribute blankets and warm clothing to area homeless, and they would publicize that to help raise awareness, but in this case it was a simple act of spontaneous kindness.

And that’s what makes this story so lovely.

None of the people they served recognized Betts.

No one cared that he will likely be the MVP of the American League, that his team won a franchise-record 108 games this season and is two wins away from a title.

Betts did not act in his capacity as Mookie Betts, whose jersey was the fifth most popular in the majors this year, who inspires “MVP” chants at home and on the road.

He acted in his capacity as a human, who had the choice between doing the right thing and doing the easy thing, and made the right one.

Betts is baffled by the attention he has received, says Lewis.

They all are.

We so often ask our athletes to belong to us—put your fork down to take a selfie with me; put your child down to sign an autograph for me; tweet exactly what I think you should believe; endure my hostility when you strike out or miss a shot; take less money to re-sign with my team.

But they do not belong to us, the fans.

They belong to us, the humans, as we belong to each other as well.

These days, it can be easy to forget that.

On Wednesday, Betts did not.

The whole excursion took about 30 minutes, where upon they discarded those layers of clothing and went to sleep.

They had to get up early to fly to Game 3.

Mr. Cam Lewis and Mr. Mookie Betts, Your both Humanity Champions, and God is watching.



This story kind of Hurts, (LOL) because I'm a Yankees Fan (LOL).

But know this, I heard about this story and since that day, I became fans of Mookie Betts and Mr. Cam Lewis !

May His blessings be upon You and Your's today and always, in Jesus' Mighty Name !

Matthew 6:4 NIV:

so that **your** giving may be in secret. Then **your** Father, **who sees what is done in secret**, will reward **you**.



Friends, please remember, that you can't buy your way into Heaven or out of Hell.

Rev. Jesus Del Rio, Ed

