

Do you remember the song sung by Louis Armstrong “What a Wonderful World.” It goes back to 1967 and it goes like this: “I see trees of green, red roses too, I see them bloom, for me and for you, and I think to myself, what a wonderful world; I see skies of blue and clouds of white. The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night, And I think to myself, what a wonderful world; The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky, and also on the faces of people going by, I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do, they’re really saying, I love you; I hear babies cry, I watch them grow, they’ll learn much more than I’ll ever know and I think to myself What a wonderful world, Yes I think to myself what a wonderful world, ooh ya.

Have you ever gone by a school yard and seen a child sharing candy with another child. What do you think when you see this, maybe, “that’s a happy kind? “He’s going to live a happy life.”

The poor widow put 2 small coins into the treasury, all that she had, her whole livelihood. What kind of spirit did she have? It’s easy to think she was foolish but Jesus didn’t think so. This was a woman of generous heart. She trusted in God’s care for her and I’m sure she was a happy woman.

Now I’m not your financial adviser so I won’t tell you how to manage your money but I will encourage you to trust God, trust God with your whole life. It’s not easy. We tend to be fearful people. The pattern of our lives can be deeply affected by fear. Fear can isolate us, cause us to be selfish and greedy and very unhappy. Jesus speaks out clearly, “Fear is useless. What is needed now is trust.”

The most trusting person I can think of is Mother Theresa. For most of us life is a see-saw between fear and trust. St. Teresa of Avila’s prayer is a prayer for trust; “Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, all things are passing away. God never changes. Patience obtains all the things.” The prayer of St. Francis is crammed with trust, “Lord make me an instrument of your peace....” If your life is filled with fear, don’t lose heart.

Pray; Lord make me grateful, help me to trust. Lord help me to be generous.

Ask Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to give you trust.