

# *A Precursor to the Beloved*

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1. A U.S. Army® E-9 (Command Sergeant Major) with over 26 years of service makes \$8,258.57/month and his childhood friend, an 0-10 four-star U.S. Marine Corps® (General) with 26 years of service, makes \$14,531.73/month. They are both pondering the idea of retirement. As much as they would like to serve four more years, frequent deployments since September 11<sup>th</sup> have led them both to think twice prior to re-enlisting. If each individual's retirement is approximately 60% of his or her present income, how much more can the General look forward to making over the Command Sergeant Major over the next 25 years?
2. Comcast® cable is offering their high-speed Internet service for \$42.95/month; however, if you order today, your first three months are just \$19.95. Qwest® is offering a comparable service for \$26.99/month. Be sure to add a sales tax fee of 8.5% to each offer. Over the period of 2 years, what is the better deal and why?
3. AT&T Wireless® offers a national plan of \$39.99/month for cellular phone service, which includes, unlimited nights after 9pm and weekends as well as 200 bonus (anytime) minutes for the month. If you happen to exceed your time, it is 33 cents every minute you run over. Verizon® offers a similar plan of \$39.99/month with 1000 (anytime) minutes a month and 25 cents every minute you run over. If in one month, you used 873 weekend minutes and 428 evening minutes (after 9pm) what plan would be more affordable and why?