

"Giving 101: Giving with All Your Mite"

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Scripture Reading: Mark 12:41-44 KJV

⁴¹ And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. ⁴² And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. ⁴³ And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: ⁴⁴ For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Discussion Questions:

1. What jumps out at you about this passage?
2. What's the most sacrificial gift you've ever given? What's the biggest gift you've ever received?
3. Jesus is not a participant in this passage, he's an observer, a people watcher. What do you think Jesus noticed beyond the poor widow and her gift?
4. Why do you think Jesus chose a poor widow to be Christianity's paragon of giving?
5. The sermon mentioned that this passage isn't so much about how much one gives by the heart and attitude behind the giving. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
6. Why do you think in this scene and in this moment Jesus said to the disciples, "Verily I say unto you..." (i.e. AMEN AMEN I say unto you)?
7. The poor old widow obviously gave less, yet Jesus said she gave more than those who gave out of their abundance. How is this possible?
8. What does it mean for us today to cast into the offering box "all of our living?"