

The Widow in the Temple

Mark 12:41-44

Introduction:

*Story recorded in Mark and Luke

I. The _____ by Jesus (v. 41)

*Temple divided into different courts -Treasury on side of women's court

*Temple Shofar Pots – shaped like the horn with a narrow bottom and a wider top.

*No printed paper money – only coins – larger coins would have been worth more and could be heard louder – smaller coins would not have heard as much

-They would throw the offering into the shofar pots

*Scribes and Pharisees did their giving to be seen and heard of others

Mt 6:1-4

*Is this message...if you are poor, you are spiritual, and if you are rich, you are unspiritual? NO

Our relationship with God is not dependent on how much we have or how much we don't have...it's based on our FAITH in the Lord Jesus Christ.

II. The _____ of the Widow (v. 42)

*Mite – 1/64th of a Denarius

*Mite - was smallest Jewish coin

*1 Denarius – days wage

QUOTE: “Two kinds of people in the world...GIVERS and TAKERS...The takers eat better, but the givers sleep better.”

George Mueller: “God judges what we give by what we keep.”

Did you know... little over 500 verses in Bible on PRAYER, but there are around 2,300 give or take verses in BIBLE on GIVING, STEWARDSHIP, TALENTS, etc.

III. The Lesson for the _____ (vs. 43-44)

A. Her Offering was _____

*Jesus praised sacrificial giving ---- NO SOCIAL SECURITY THOSE DAYS

*Teaches us total commitment to God --- SELF-DENIAL

B. Her Offering was _____

*Too many times, when we give, we are expecting something in return.

Conclusion:

IS THIS MESSAGE...”GOD WANTS MY MONEY???”

NO....IT’S GOD WANTS MY HEART, MY SACRIFICE, MY CONSECRATION, MY ALL