

Generosity God's Way

Mark 12:41-44

And *Jesus* sat down opposite the treasury, and *began* watching how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large amounts.

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⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two lepta coins, which amount to a quadrans.

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⁴³Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them,
“Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more
than all the contributors to the treasury; ⁴⁴for they
all put in out of their surplus...”

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“But she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on.”

Philosopher or Businessman?

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-Warren Buffet (Businessman)

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- Gandhi (Philosopher)

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-Aristotle (Philosopher)

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- Dave Ramsey

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- Chilly!

Having a lot

Having a lot can trick us into
believing we don't need God at
all.

Having a little

2 lepta = 1/64th of a denarius



1 lepton

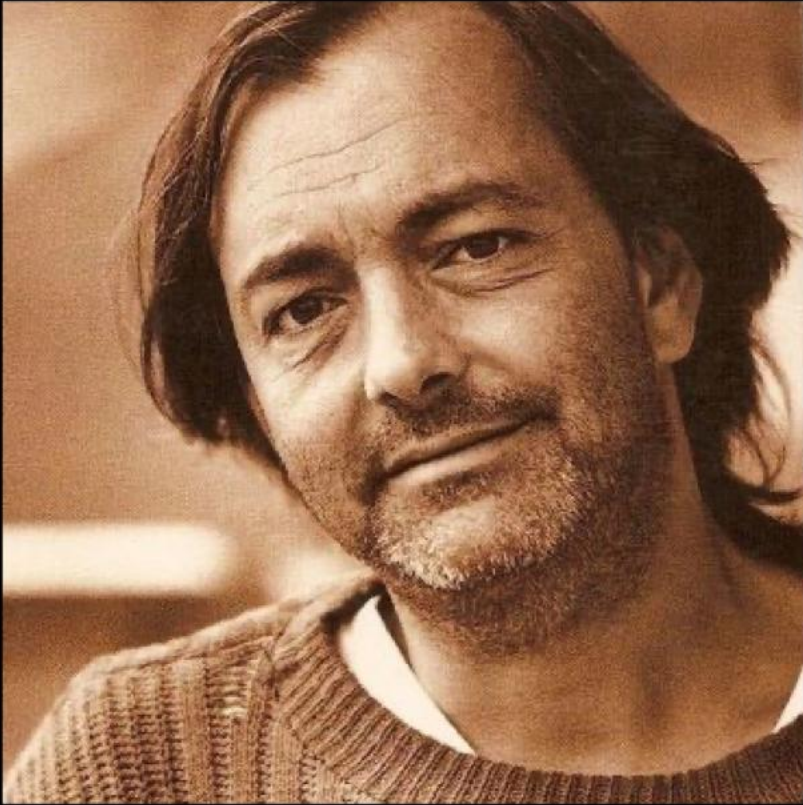


1 quadran



1 denarius

It is the heart of the giver, not the
amount given, that pleases God.



“God’s picture of good
mental, emotional,
physical health doesn’t
always look like my
picture of good mental,
emotional, and physical
health.”



What do you hear when you
hear the word: repentance?



1. In what area of your life is it easiest to give or be generous—and in what area does generosity feel costly or risky?
2. Can you think of a time when someone's generosity—big or small—shaped you or shifted the way you saw God, people, or yourself?
3. Tell a story of a time when someone gave in a way that felt “open-handed” or sacrificial. What stayed with you from that experience?
4. Consider turning to Isaiah 55, Acts 26, and Revelation 3 or sit with them this week. What do you notice?