

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### Costly Giving

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
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Luke 21:1-4 (NLT) While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. <sup>2</sup> Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins. <sup>3</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. <sup>4</sup> For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."

v. 3 (MSG) "The plain truth is that this widow has given by far the largest offering today. All these others made offerings that they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all!"

- **Jesus commends extravagant and sacrificial giving.**

Malachi 3:10 (NLT) "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"

Luke 6:38 (NIV) "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

**Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."**

Luke 20:47 (NLT) "Yet they [religious leaders] shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public."

- **Jesus commends giving as a complete act of trust.**

Galatians 2:19-21(NLT) "For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God. <sup>20</sup> My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by **trusting in the Son of God**, who loved me and **gave himself for me**. <sup>21</sup> I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.

**Big Idea: Give sacrificially as an act of complete trust in Jesus Christ.**

**Is there a giving in my life that is not calculated & without gain?**

**1) In what way is God asking me to give sacrificially through my finances?**

**Start somewhere...**

**Stretch somewhere...**

**2) In what way could I grow in the area giving sacrificially through service?**

**Do I have faith without calculation – an act of total trust?**



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- 2) Take time to have one person explain and the practice the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation or share their testimony.
- 3) Read Luke 21:1-4. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage? What do we learn about giving sacrificially from this passage?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What does it mean for us as we seek to grow as generous people?
- 6) Read Malachi 3:10 and Luke 6:38. How do these passages challenge us? Read Galatians 2:19-21. How does this inspire us to give in response to the grace made possible through Jesus Christ?
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What challenges or convicts you about this teaching?
- 8) What steps will you take this week to give generously and sacrificially through finances and through service? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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