

IF MONEY COULD TALK

(Mark 12.38-44)

Central Idea: *God is focused on internal matters of the heart, not outward appearances. Money and giving reveal the state of our heart as few things do.*

I. **The Scribes:** Beware of Outward Posturing (38-40)

II. **The Widow:** Emulate her Faith and Sacrificial Generosity (41-44)

FOR INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Do you agree with the premise that money/giving reveal a great deal about our heart condition? Why is that true or not true?
2. Can you think of passages or stories in Scripture that remind us that God is not focused on outward appearances?
3. What made the poor widow's tiny gift greater in Jesus' eyes than the large sums of money given by the wealthy? How can we give in this way?
4. If someone came to you for advice saying they only had \$10 to their name and they felt God wanted them to put it in the offering at church, what would you say?
5. What keeps us from giving sacrificially as this widow clearly did?

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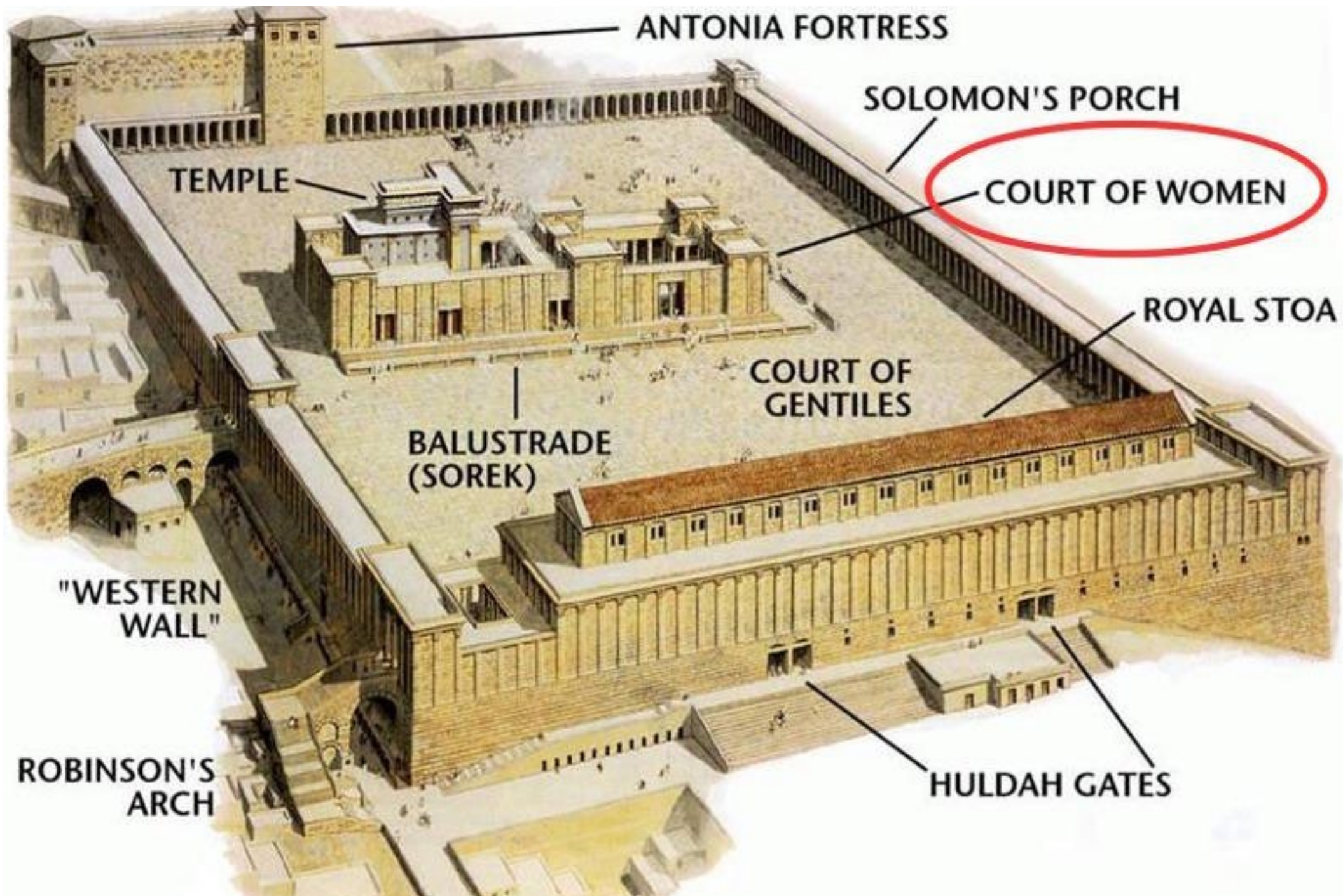
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**Court of
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Court of the Women



ANTONIA FORTRESS

SOLOMON'S PORCH

TEMPLE

COURT OF WOMEN

ROYAL STOA

COURT OF GENTILES

BALUSTRADE (SOREK)

"WESTERN WALL"

ROBINSON'S ARCH

HULDAH GATES

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4. It is not the gift that is of primary importance, but the attitude of our hearts.

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5. Giving is to be sacrificial.