

No Name

Pt. 5 - Widow's offering

Mk. 12:41 "Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury."

Mt. 6:21 "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Mk. 12:41 "...many rich people threw in large amounts."

Mk. 12:42 "...a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. ⁴³Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on.'"

Lessons from the widow:

1. God knows what I am going through. He knows what I have and what I need.

Mt. 7:11 "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

Mk. 12:43 "...this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

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2. No gift is insignificant to God. He sees my sacrifice.

Mat. 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Excuses for not giving:

1. I can't afford to give.
 2. What I have to give won't make a difference.
 3. I'll start giving when I have more.
3. There is unseen kingdom potential in my gift.