

The Grace of Giving

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

Mark 12:41-44

SERMON NOTES

I. What the Widow Gave, (Mark 12:41-44)

A. Mark 12:41 – *"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much."*

1. Jesus intentionally positions Himself to observe people's lives . . .
 - a. Samuel, the prophet, was told to anoint one of the sons of a man with 7 sons.

1 Samuel 16:7

Matthew 6:1

B. Mark 12:42, *"And there came a certain poor widow, and she put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent/lepta. "*

1. The widow's offering was insignificant in worldly terms but immense in God's eyes.

Revelation 2:9

Revelation 3:17

2. Unlike the self-sufficient, wealth-focused people of her time, this woman depended totally on God.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Philippians 2:5-9

C. Mark 12:43, *"And calling 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.'"*

1. Jesus highlights the widow's offering as greater than all the others combined. Why?

Acts 20:35

Exodus 29:18

Philippians 4:18

Matthew 25:35-40

D. Mark 12:43b-44, *"For they all put in out of their surplus; but she, out of her poverty, put in all that she owned, all she had to live on."*

1. The widow's giving was total.

Matthew 6:33

Romans 12:1

CONCLUSIONS:

Meadows:

2 Corinthians 9:7

Guests:

Romans 3:23; 6:23

John 3:16

Luke :13:3

Romans 10:9

1 Peter 3:21

People often don't choose salvation because they don't see the need. Sin deceives & hides from us!

But it is in us & will destroy us; **Rom. 3:23; 6:23**. But Jesus paid the price for our sins on the cross.

For those who will accept His offer of salvation; **Jn. 3:16; Luke 13:3; Rom. 10:9; 1 Pt. 3:21!!**