

## The Widow's Offering

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Mark 12:38-44

### The Widow vs. The "Righteous" (repulsive to God)

1) " \_\_\_\_\_ " God vs. \_\_\_\_\_ God (all I have)

#### Using

- Long robes
- Greetings in the marketplace
- Best seats in the synagogues
- Best place at the feasts
- Long prayers

#### Knowing

- The Widow knew Jesus; she knew He deserved all she had.

2) God is \_\_\_\_\_ of what I need vs. God is \_\_\_\_\_ I need (have)

#### Some

- I will try a little God
- I will try a little wealth
- I will try a little popularity etc.

#### All

- God is all I have, He is all I need.

*From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

**John 6:65-68**

3) Giving God " \_\_\_\_\_ " vs. giving God \_\_\_\_\_

*Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; <sup>for</sup> they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."*

**Mark 12:41-44**

Giving out of wealth vs. giving all.

“When it comes to our giving, God sees more than the portion; He also see the proportion. Men see what is given, God sees what is left and by that He measures the gift and the condition of our hearts.”

~ Warren Wiersbe

*But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

~ Winston Churchill

*Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’*

**Mathew 22:37-39**

4) Living by the \_\_\_\_\_ vs. living by \_\_\_\_\_

One is \_\_\_\_\_, one is \_\_\_\_\_

*I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

**Galatians 5:16-17**

**Prayer Focus:**

Do I trust that God is my provider?

Do I trust God enough to be fully obedient? Will I give Him my all?

Will I live by the Spirit or by myself?

Will I trust God and be obedient to give?