

Luke 21

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Highlight

Luke 21: 1-4

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

Explain

This passage takes place in the temple courts where Jesus had been teaching. It is Holy Week, just before Passover, and was during the last weeks before the death of Jesus. Jesus watches as the rich give boastfully and proudly out of their abundance. On the contrary, the widow gives two copper coins. The gift of the widow was small but showed immense faith and sacrifice. Jesus was not impressed with the large amounts given by the rich. The value of the gift given by the widow was seen as immeasurably more by Jesus because of the circumstances under which she gave. She had so little and still gave it all showing complete trust in God for provision over her life.

Apply

When it comes to giving generously and sacrificially like the widow, I'll be the first to say that is often a hard thing to do. Am I willing to give generously even when there is uncertainty? Or do I only give generously when there is abundance? Jesus is interested in the heart behind the gift as we clearly see from the passage above about the widow. Let us always trust Jesus to provide for our lives and may our gifts to Him be a reflection of that. May we all strive to be as generous with Jesus as we expect Him to be with us.

Respond

Dear Jesus, help me to be like the widow. Create in me a heart that trusts You completely to provide in all areas of my life and let me give generously and joyfully as a result. I thank you Jesus for all the blessings you so graciously have given to me. Make me a good steward of them all and use them to bring glory to You and Your kingdom. In Jesus name, Amen.