



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 21:1-4 (NAS)

Topic: "Giving with Pleasure to the Lord"

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- 1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury.
- 2 And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins.
- 3 And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them;
- 4 for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on."

I. THE WIDOW'S GIFT

- A. She Was One Of Many Who Gave
- B. The Gift Was Small – 1/32 Of A Day's Wages
- C. The Gift Was Sacrificial
- D. It Was Similar To The Widow Of Zarephath

II. JESUS SEES WHAT WE GIVE

- A. No Man Is Supposed To Be Looking Over Our Shoulder
- B. The Right Hand Is Not To Know What The Left Does *Matthew 6:3*
- C. The Lord Knows How We Spend Every Cent *Proverbs 15:3*

III. THE LORD CARES ABOUT THE PORTION WE GIVE

- A. The Widow's Gift Was Selfless
 1. Her gift was an expression of love
 2. It was not given to impress men
 3. Her gift was given in faith that God would provide

B. Our Giving Ought To Emulate This Widow

1. Give of the first portion
2. Get out of debt *Proverbs 2:27*
3. Give out of love
4. Give generously in faith
5. Store up lasting treasures *Matthew 6:20,21*