

SMALL THINGS TEACH BIG LESSONS

Luke 21:1- 4

- **Jesus often used the smallest moments to teach the biggest truths.**
- "*While Jesus was in the Temple, He watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins. 'I tell you the truth,' Jesus said, 'this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has.'"* (Luke 21:1-4)
- **Jesus wasn't impressed by what looked impressive - He was watching the heart behind the gift.**
- **In a crowd full of wealthy givers, Jesus noticed one woman who gave almost nothing by the world's standards, but everything by heaven's standards**
- The Lord - *"The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."* (1 Samuel 16:7)
- **God isn't looking at the size of your offering - He's looking at its sincerity, sacrifice, and surrender**.
- *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."* (Colossians 3:23)
- **Even the smallest offering becomes great when it's given with a whole heart.**
- ***What are some lessons we learn from the story of the Tempe Widow?***

We Learn That:

JESUS IS ALWAYS <u>WATCHING</u>

- *"While Jesus was in the Temple, He watched…* (Luke 21:1)
- **Jesus doesn't overlook the faithful - He notices every act of obedience, no matter how small.**

- *“The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; his ears are open to their cries for help.”* (Psalm 34:15)
- **God sees what others ignore, and He values what others dismiss.**
- *“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”* (2 Chronicles 16:9)
- **We may think no one sees what we do for God, but heaven is taking notes.**

We Learn That:

GOD IS NOT IMPRESSED BY <u>WEALTH</u>

- ***“****He (Jesus) watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins.”* (Luke 21:1-2)
- **Jesus wasn’t drawn to the rich givers that day - He was drawn to the sincere one.**
- Jesus - *“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.”* (Matthew 6:19)
- **Earthly wealth fades; eternal generosity lasts forever.**
- Jesus - *“What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?”* (Mark 8:36)
- **God isn’t moved by possessions; He’s moved by passion and purity of heart.**
- Jesus - *“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”* (Matthew 6:24)
- **Money makes a great tool but a terrible master.**

We Learn That:

GENEROSITY IS <u>WEIGHED</u>, NOT COUNTED

- *“‘I tell you the truth,’ Jesus said, ‘this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them.’”* (Luke 21:3)
- **Heaven doesn’t count gifts in dollars - it weighs them by sacrifice.**
- *“Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.”* (Deuteronomy 16:17)
- **God doesn’t look at portion, He looks at proportion.**
- *“They gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will.”* (2 Corinthians 8:3)
- **Generosity is about willingness, not wealth.**
- Jesus - *“Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more.”* (Luke 6:38)
- **When we give out of devotion, God multiplies what we surrender.**

We Learn That:

WE NEED TO CHOOSE <u>SACRIFICE</u> OVER SURPLUS

- Jesus - *"For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."* (Luke 21:4)
- **The rich gave from what they wouldn't miss. The widow gave from what she couldn't afford to lose.**
- David - *"I will not present burnt offerings to the Lord my God that have cost me nothing."* (2 Samuel 24:24)
- **True generosity begins when our giving becomes costly.**
- Jesus - *"Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me."* (Luke 9:23)
- **Following Jesus always requires surrender - it's never about convenience.**

- **The widow's two coins were small in her hand but massive in God's sight.**
- **She gave little, but she made a lasting impact—because she gave her all.**
- *"Jesus said, 'This poor widow has given more than all the rest of them.'"* (Luke 21:3)
- **God still measures generosity the same way today - not by the size of the gift, but by the size of the sacrifice.**
- *"You will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God."* (2 Corinthians 9:11)
- **When we give with open hands, others see the open heart of God.**
- *"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."* (Proverbs 11:25)
- **What seems small to us can still shake heaven - because small things, in the hands of a big God, make a big impact.**