

SHE GAVE ALL SHE HAD

Luke 21:1-4

Intro: Animals in the farm yard getting ready to help the master serve his guests a breakfast of eggs and bacon. All scurried about getting ready for the big day. The chickens were scurrying about squawking with chests puffed out and wings fluttering.

“I can’t believe the master chose us to help serve breakfast to his special guests!”

While they were busy with excitement, the pig was quietly sitting in the mud..

“What’s the matter?” asked the chickens, “aren’t you excited about serving the master?”

“Hmmm...” responded the pig. “For you it’s a mere donation, for me it is a _____.”

LET’S READ LUKE 21:1-4

THE POINT OF THE PASSAGE:

GOD SEES OUR _____. HE SEES WHAT WE GIVE IN PROPORTION TO WHAT HE HAS GIVEN.

1. Note the audience. (vv.1-2)
2. Jesus does not point out the rich and their gifts, instead who does He point out? What three things do we know about this person?
3. Why does Jesus mention this woman? What two things does He mention about her gift?

“treasury” - Women’s court – Thirteen _____-shaped collection boxes

“widow” – few ways of earning money. Proverbial for the _____ of people.

“two small copper coins” – the only Jewish coin mentioned in the _____ Testament. About 1/8 of one penny. Commentators often say that worshippers were not to make offerings less than two *lepta*. This represents the minimum offering.

Jesus's comments shows that the monetary value of what we give is not everything. She gave the greatest gift of all. Not of one person, but of them _____ put together!

THOUGHTS:

- It is easy to make other people our _____. God does not compare us to other people, but looks at our _____ and sees what we give according to what has been given.

- How do we give? Are we suppose to put everything into the offering plate?

4. Acts 5:11-11 and Job 1:21

- Were they required to give all of their possessions? (Acts 5)

- The point was not to _____ to the Holy Spirit.

- Let's not deceive ourselves into thinking we are giving God our "all" when we are keeping things back for ourselves.

- Job recognizes that everything he has God has given to him. He came into the world naked and he will leave naked. The LORD gives and the LORD takes away and he blesses the name of the LORD.

APPLICATION: The call of God on our lives is total commitment! All we have has been given to us. He owns it all and gives us an opportunity to give back what He has given. *The offering box is not the only place we give nor is what we give in the offering all we owe.* We give our all...meaning it is for Him to use as He sees fit. All of it!

He gave His _____, we give our _____.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way." Psalm 139:24