

What Will You Give to the Lord?

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; for 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)

Have you ever heard someone say something like, “If I were rich, I would give a lot of money to the Lord’s work? I think of all kinds of good I would do...”? The question for us is this: Even if you are not rich, **what are you doing for the Lord with what you have?**

Jesus praised the widow who gave the two mites, a tiny amount of money, and He commended her for her generosity. **Whether rich or poor, we should give generously. Regardless of our social position, we should give sacrificially. No matter who we are, we should give as an act of loving worship to God who has blessed us with all things.**

Notice in the incident above that Jesus made no promise that God would multiply her physical blessings because she gave all. Jesus made no promise that her life would be easier, or even that she would have enough to eat that night. He simply noted what she had done without any expectations, except the pleasure of God. Whatever she did or did not get back in this life, we know that her good works for the Lord did not go unnoticed. Likewise, whatever we prosper in this life though we give sacrificially in the here and now, we know that our good works for the Lord will not go unnoticed or be disregarded in the last day.

We often spend too much time comparing ourselves, our gifts or our works with others. Realize that God our Father sees us as individuals. He knows what we are capable of doing. He loves us and expects us only to give our best, but He does expect our best.

Take a look at your life: your money and other resources, your abilities, and your time. Then, give sacrificially to God. Don’t make a show of it. God rewards what is done in secret (Matthew 6:4). Trust in Him, not in yourself. Know that He is a great and an awesome God whose power is unbounded. Throw yourself totally into His service and into His care every day. In doing so, God will see you and bless you for giving yourself to Him. *By Roger White*