

Sermon Series – “Sharing Is Service”

Part 2 – “A ‘Mitey’ Testimony”

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Scripture Reading: *Mark 12:41-44*; **Supporting Texts:** *Luke 21:1-4*

In the Gospel according to _____ as well as in Luke, we find a brief account of a scene that has been an encouragement to the hearts of _____ through the ages. But because it involves _____, this story has also _____ people uncomfortable and has been _____ and _____ by others – some as a cover for false humility, and for others a beating-stick against those blessed with _____. While the author _____ the amount given by the widow in comparison to some of the others around her, this testimony is far less about riches or poverty and _____ so about the _____ for giving. It was not the sum that _____, but instead the willingness to _____ a sacrifice for the cause of God. As we study this passage of Scripture, _____ your heart be _____ by this act of worship and drawn closer to our _____ and King.

Lessons from the Widow’s Mites (*Mark 12:38-44*)

1. What did Jesus notice about the _____ of giving in this story? *v41; 2 Kg 12:1-16*
2. What was significant about the _____ of the widow? *v42*;
3. How could this _____ offering be more than given by others? *v43; Luke 21:3*
4. What Old Testament story is _____ by this widow in her giving? *1Kg 17:1-16*
5. How does the _____ of her gift show the _____ of sacrifice? *v44; 2 Co. 8:12*

When Jesus said of the widow, She “hath cast in more than they all,” His words were true, not only of the motive, but of the results of her gift. The “two mites which make a farthing” have brought to God’s treasury an amount of money far greater than the contributions of those rich Jews. The influence of that little gift has been like a stream, small in its beginning, but widening and deepening as it flowed down through the ages. In a thousand ways it has contributed to the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel. Her example of self-sacrifice has acted and reacted upon thousands of hearts in every land and in every age. It has appealed to both the rich and the poor, and their offerings have swelled the value of her gift. God’s blessing upon the widow’s mite has made it the source of great results. So with every gift bestowed and every act performed with a sincere desire for God’s glory. It is linked with the purposes of Omnipotence. Its results for good no man can measure.

Desire of Ages. p. 616

Will you follow the Widow’s example and give as God moves on your heart?