

Sermon Questions

The MIGHT of a Widow's MITE

Mark 12:41-44

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Key verse of the passage?

Main/key point(s) of the sermon?

What did or did not make sense in the sermon?

What in the sermon spoke most to you at this point in your life?

Did you see/hear God in the sermon?

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1. God is not only concerned that we give (stewardship) but also “how” (Greek pos) we give (Mark 12:41 NAS, KJV). God is not impressed with financial gifts given for show or to gain recognition or influence. God is impressed with humble, “never for public recognition” type giving (Matthew 6:1–2).
2. God “watches” (etheorei) our giving (Mark 12:41). This is a strong word and means “to gaze at.” God, apparently, is not only watching the sacrifice we make but also the attitude from which we give (joyfully? grudgingly? generously? pridefully?).
3. God is pleased when our giving is sacrificial and, as already noted, with the right attitudes and motives (Mark 12:41–44; 2 Samuel 24:18–25).
4. God promises to reward His people for faithful (right motives, attitudes, and gifts) giving. Sometimes He rewards temporarily (here on earth), always eternally (in Heaven), and sometimes both (Mark 9:41). Our God is a gracious God.
5. God sees the heart in giving, over and above the amount. A widow gave one-fourth of a penny (in today's currency), but Jesus credited her sacrifice (and heart) as greater than any gift given that day (Mark 12:41–44).