



The “Noticed by Jesus” Woman

Mark 12

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There are two major characters in this story. First, there is a group of rich men. Second, there is a poor widowed woman. It is easy to think that Jesus is going to side with the poor widowed woman and scold the rich selfish men. Jesus never does that. Jesus never scolds the wealthy, but he does honor the widow. Jesus simply points out that the men gave out of their wealth, but the woman gave all she had. It is an example of people who are mirroring the kingdom on earth. They are the “all in” people. They do not have to tell everybody how much they give, how much they do for the church, or all the extras they put in for God. God Himself is their reward. These are often the people who go unnoticed and seem invisible to everybody else. God sees them. God notices them. God is their reward. Jesus calls this woman, “the one to watch!”

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Mark 12:41-44 - ⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Mark 12:14-17 - “Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay or shouldn’t we?” But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to trap me?” he asked. “Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” ¹⁶ They brought the coin, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. ¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

People like Jesus

1. **People like Jesus are usually not focused on appearance** (Try as we may, we often work overtime on making sure we look good and acceptable to the rest of the world. Now I am a full believer in looking one’s best, and an even bigger believer in personal hygiene, but we must be careful that outward appearance is not all that we become!)
2. **People like Jesus don’t need all the attention.** (These are the type of people who are not afraid of the spotlight. They would just rather have it cast on Jesus!)
3. **People like Jesus are usually giving something away.** (You often never know how much it costs them, but it is usually more than you think!)
4. **People like Jesus rarely make sense.** (There will be moments and times when God calls you to do something and it defies the human standards of the day. Some call it a leap of faith, while others call it unbalanced religion. Whatever you call it, if you have never taken a step of faith where you had to trust God, you missed the point!)

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