

1. Introduction

- a. Widow lady drops her offering into the offering box at temple
 - Mark 12:43, Luke 21:1-4
 - mite a very small coin (like a penny)
 - those 2 coins were all she had
- b. Comparison of rich & poor giving
 - rich gave much money
 - poor gave little money
- c. But Jesus looks at proportions
 - rich only gave portion of their wealth
 - BUT this poor woman gave all that she had

2. Jesus looks at Giving

- a. Jesus knew about widow woman
- b. Jesus watched rich & poor give
 - Jesus looked at everything
 - God knows everything
 - * Prov 15:3 eyes of the Lord sees good & evil

3. Many People Give to the Lord

- a. Many rich people
- b. Many poor people
- c. Give faithfully
 - given with faith
 - example of church of Macedonia
 - 2 Cor 8:5 Gave themselves to God first
 - 2 Cor 8:12 Willing mind in offering accepted from what you have
 - 2 Cor 9:7 Give as you decide cheerfully

4. Many Rich People Give Much
- a. lots of money
 - b. Rich gave out of their abundance
 - c. - Prov. 11:24 Spread wealth around
 - d. ^{increases more} * withhold? leads to poverty
 - e. Rich & poor relative
 - Poor in America are rich compared to other poor around world

5. Even Poor People Can Give
- a. Widow lady poorest of the poor
 - b. She gave her 2 mites (lepta)
 - very similar to 2 pennies
 - c. And Jesus praised her
 - because she gave all she had

6. Jesus Praised Sacrificial Giving
- a. Giving in difficult times
 - 2 Cor 8:2 Macedonian church
 - * great trial of affliction
 - * in deep poverty
 - * riches of their generosity
 - b. Jesus praise
 - called her "good widow"
 - she put in her entire livelihood
 - she had put in more than any other people in proportion
 - c. Jesus gave all at the cross
 - Jesus gave His life
 - for all people
 - whoever believes Jesus will receive gift of eternal life
 - * John 3:16