

**MARK**  
CHAPTER 12:41-44  
*tape: SMX: 141*

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**THEME:**  
*The Sacrifice of the Servant*

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**TITLE:**  
**Money Speaks**

**INTRODUCTION;** To How Jesus seeks all

According to Psychology Today Magazine; 1988 Americans spent \$177 billion dollars on gambling.  
*15 times more than the tithes & offerings of all U.S. churches combined.*

A Word To The Visitor This Morning

**OUR TEXT BEFORE US**

*We don't ask for money, we give opportunity to give.*

- It is worship.
- It is privilege for believers.
- IT'S ORDERED.

*Hey Jack, I Can't afford to tithe!*  
I can't afford NOT to tithe  
*It is only a sore spot with those who regard money above God.*

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BECAUSE IT WAS COMMANDED BY GOD, IT IS THE RESOURCE METHOD BY WHICH THINGS ARE ACCOMPLISHED.

*Evaluation of the:*  
Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous  
Lifestyles of the Righteous & Faithful

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*The Scribes who devour widows' houses.... this widow may very well may have been one of them...*

*James 2:6*

*But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts?*

*James 1:27a*

*Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep*

**He addresses the issue of giving (and the issue is the heart)**

**I. *Jesus sees the PRACTICE of our worship*                      *verse 41***

Verse 41

*This is the, rendering to God the things that are God's.*

Regarding the place;

It was the at the temple in the court of the women it was her temple

SAW *HOW* they people put money into the treasury.

*Meaning the outward act of giving...*

Jesus is a people watcher, and he watched **their** motives as well.

**1 Samuel 2:3**

"Talk no more so very proudly; let no arrogance come from your mouth, for the LORD is the God of knowledge; and by Him actions are weighed.

**Matthew 6:2**

"Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, **do not sound a trumpet** before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

**Malachi 3:7-9**

...from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you say, 'In what way shall we return?'"<sup>8</sup> "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings."<sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation has robbed me.

In a True Sense: Money Speaks

II. *Jesus sees the SOURCE of our worshiper*      *verse 42*

Contrary to the RICH & MUCH

Verse 42

BACKGROUND;

she's a widow. She's alone. she's poor, BUT SHE'S FREE

Poor

GRK

*ptochos (pto-khos')*  
*to bow; to begger*

**James 2:5b**

Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

**1Timothy 6:6-8**

But godliness with contentment is great gain.<sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.<sup>8</sup> And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

*Threw*

GRK *ballo (bal'-lo)*

*to pour, to arise or to send,*

It's true, you can't take it with you.  
But you can send it up ahead.

Jesus said  
"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

### III. *Jesus sees the HEART of our worship*      *verse 43*

#### Verse 43

It's a matter of the heart & where it is

#### The posture of our hearts

#### NOTE:

The little she gave became great in God's hands.

#### *PUT IN...*

#### *BACKGROUND*

13 brass chests called the trumpets (inverted), narrow at the top, large at the bottom.)  
the trumpet chests unearth in Israel have displayed the design that a fist could not  
withdraw from the neck of the vessel.

#### *2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

*But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

#### **THE HEART**

when I write a check to the IRS they don't require that it be willingly  
**BUT GOD DOES**

The Washington Post;

(This week we received a phone call, that the Washington post news organization was going to make a donation to this church.- God does this through His faithful, behind the scene people who are committed enough to worship /tax write off)

#### *1 Corinthians 13:3*

*And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.*

## The Right State of Heart;

*Luke 19:8-10 NIV*

*But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of ( faith ) Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."*

### Worship/Giving

*It is self-denying, it is costly;*

**2 Samuel 24:24 NIV**

... I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.

### The Los Angeles Convention Center

was rented to display the 30,000 possessions left behind Ladziu Valentino ( **Liberace** )

### THE PARABLE OF THE BIGGER BARN MENTALITY

*Luke 12:20-21*

*"But God said to him, `Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? :21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."*

**James 5:1-3 KJV**

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. <sup>2</sup> Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them *shall be a witness against you*, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

## The HEART is to be in the Giving

Burt Reynolds and the 100%, 90%, 50%

- I made it deal.

Or

The rancher who said to his wife ' honey I'm going to give one of these two prized sheep to the Lord, which one she asked I don't know...

"Giving doesn't save you, but being saved is seen in giving"

**IV. Jesus sees the COST of the worship** *verse 44*

The COST of giving means doing without,  
or delaying or putting off a desire.

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- She couldn't have given more - it was all she had
- She could have given less - she had two coins.

*The "how" is How much did it cost you.  
The Value is not in the amount, but in how much it cost*

Verse 44

**Abundance** *GRK perisseuo (per-is-syoo'-o)*  
to superabound, to have in excess, to have in reserve

**Livelihood** *GRK bios (bee'-os)*  
living, daily provision,

(Truly Deuteronomy 6:4, she gave two, not, one for me, one for you BEOUSE all for you for you are all)

David's Heart in worship

**2 Samuel 24:24**

*...I will not offer burnt offerings to  
the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing!*

**Malachi 3:10**

*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.*

**Matthew 6:30-33**

"Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" <sup>32</sup> "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**Luke 6:38**

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom.  
For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Observation; God can do great things with little

Observation; At the judgment God will reimburse the giver

Observation; God is equal in His disbursements each of us, rich or poor have the same potential based upon our present standing

**...TALENTS, 30, 60, or 100**

## 2 Corinthians 8 & 9

The Example To Us;

**2 Corinthians 8:1-5**

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup> Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup> For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup> they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. <sup>5</sup> And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

# It's True: Money Speaks

## Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

## CIRRHOSIS OF THE GIVER

### *Offering Plate to Golf Course*

God judges not of how much was given, but by how much is left.

## WHEN GOD GUIDES GOD PROVIDES

IN CLOSING;

*We are blessed of God to have among us* those whom are in great need. No heat, no lights, no transportation, no food.

*Those who have been sent to this church by God to test our hearts*  
and it's treasures.

This month you can sign up in to help a family be blessed.

In our relationship to Jesus there is no taxation.

Everything is from love. - C.H.Spurgeon

- put your money where your mouth is, for out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh!

Money Speaks!!!