

## **MEN'S LIFE BLOOMINGTON & GOD @ WORK**

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# **Jesus Watching People Give**

## **Mark 12 41-44**

### **Major Segments:**

- Jesus Watches People Give
- Jesus Teaches His Followers About Who Gave the Most

### **Segment Questions:**

- Where did Jesus sit and why do you think he sat in that place. Where were his disciples? Why do you think they were not near him?
- How does this idea of watching people give at church make you feel?
- What was the statement that Jesus made about the widow's giving? What other aspects of her life did Jesus highlight?
- So we know she's a widow and she's poor. She has just enough to live each day. By giving all she had, how was she going to survive after this?
- What does Jesus highlight about the giving of the rich?
- What does this story teach us about giving? In what ways can a poor person be wrong in how they give? In what ways can a rich person be wrong?
- Is giving the main point? What does it teach about trust? Honesty? Faithfulness?

Read the "before" passages to get some additional insight into what Jesus is really trying to get across here.

### **Action Questions:**

- What do we learn about God from this story?
- Does this story tell us to give away everything we have?
- How does understanding what the main point of this lesson is change your thinking?
- What is a take-away that you can get from this story?

## **Mark 12:41-44**

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Jesus sat near the money box in the house of God. He watched the people putting in money. Many of them were rich and gave much money. A poor woman whose husband had died came by and gave two very small pieces of money.

Jesus called His followers to Him. He said, "For sure, I tell you, this poor woman whose husband has died has given more money than all the others. They all gave of that which was more than they needed for their own living. She is poor and yet she gave all she had, even what she needed for her own living."

The before – this is what is happening just prior to this passage

### **The Great Law**

<sup>28</sup> Then one of the teachers of the Law heard them arguing. He thought Jesus had spoken well. He asked Him, "Which Law is the greatest of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "The greatest Law is this, 'Listen, Jewish people, The Lord our God is one Lord! <sup>30</sup> You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' This is the first Law.

<sup>31</sup> "The second Law is this: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' No other Law is greater than these."

<sup>32</sup> Then the teacher of the Law said, "Teacher, You have told the truth. There is one God. There is no other God but Him. <sup>33</sup> A man should love Him with all his heart and with all his understanding. He should love Him with all his soul and with all his strength and love his neighbor as himself. This is more important than to bring animals to be burned on the altar or to give God other gifts on the altar in worship." <sup>34</sup> Jesus saw he had spoken with understanding. He said to him, "You are not far from the holy nation of God." After that no one thought they could ask Him anything.

### **Jesus Asks the Proud Religious Law-Keepers about the Christ**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus was in the house of God teaching. He asked, "How do the teachers of the Law say that Christ is the Son of David? <sup>36</sup> For David himself, led by the Holy Spirit, said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right side until I make those who hate You a place to rest Your feet.' <sup>37</sup> David himself calls Him Lord. Then how can He be his son?" Many people were glad to hear Him.

### **False Teachers**

<sup>38</sup> Jesus taught them, saying, "Look out for the teachers of the Law. They like to walk around in long coats. They like to have the respect of men as they stand in the center of town where people gather. <sup>39</sup> They like to have the important seats in the places of worship and the important places at big suppers. <sup>40</sup> They take houses from poor women whose husbands have died. They cover up the bad they do by saying long prayers. They will be punished all the more."