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THE WIDOW'S MITE

Jesus was in the temple near the treasury where the people put in their offerings. There were many from society that were rich that came and put offerings into the treasury. While there, He saw a certain poor widow come in and she threw in two mites, which about two cents. This certainly does not seem like much, but in Mark 12:43-44 it says: ***“⁴³And He called unto him his disciples and saith unto them, ‘Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury: ⁴⁴For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living’.”***

To put it bluntly, she gave everything she had because of her love of God, but the rich ones only gave a token offering out of their massive fortune. From this story, which is a true story because Jesus said, ***“a certain poor widow,”*** we glean some truths. First of all, this widow had to completely trust God in giving everything she had. She was a widow. She had no husband to support her. She was probably looked down on in society because she was poor. Yet, in spite of all this, she gave everything she had to support the “cause” for the God she loved. Second, those that had much only gave a small amount. Their hearts were bound to their possessions, not to God.

Many times, we may think what we do is very unimportant. In our giving monetarily, in our work for the Lord in serving, and just in our use of the gifts he gives. Yet God sees it all my friends and looks on what we do with awe and admiration when we give it out of a heart of love for God. When our heart is focused on serving and loving Him with all that we have instead of the results, then we have peace.

Many strive to do works to have God love them, but the works do not make him love us any more than he already does. God is looking for faithfulness when we have little or much. Know that he has not forgotten what you do. It is not in vain!