

"Two Copper Coins"
Luke 21:1-4
Sunday May 15, 2011

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- 1. Verse 1 – Jesus Cares About – Our Giving**
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1. Verse 1 – Jesus Cares About – Our Giving:

Luke 21:1

"He looked up" – "To look carefully and with concern and interest"

Mark 12:41

Principle That God Cares about our giving:

1 Sam 2:3

Psalms 139:2

"treasury" – This was in the temple (Court of the Women); it consisted of 13 brass treasure chests, called trumpets because they were shaped like trumpets.

Tithing – is the giving of 10% to the Lord. The required giving for the Jew was approximately 25% per year. In addition, there was voluntary giving in the Old Testament which included first-fruit giving and freewill offerings.

Tithe was placed in the "store-house" Malachi 3:8-10

1 Cor. 16:2

1. Give first day of the week – "let each one"
2. Give systematically – "put aside and save"; Should plan.
3. Give proportionally – "as he may prosper"; How has God blessed me?

2 Cor 9:7

2. Verses 2-3 – Jesus Cares About – How We Give:

Luke 21:2

Mark 12:41

“how” – meaning “in what way.”

“putting in two small copper coins,” – This was a Mite, $\frac{1}{8}$ of a cent;
Total $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent.

Principles In Our Giving:

1. Biblical Giving Is Concerned About What God Sees: Matt 6:1-4

“do not sound a trumpet before you” – “Calling attention to self”; talking about it, putting on a show!

2. God Desires A Worshipful Attitude In Our Giving:

2 Cor 9:7

“Cheerful” – “Hilarious, beaming with joy”

1 Cor 13:3

Acts 20:35

Luke 21:3

“Truly I say to you,” – or “I tell you the truth!”

3. God Desires Sacrificial Giving: Luke 21:3-4

Jesus does not count, He weighs.

Mal 3:10

4. Generous Giving Results In Bountiful Blessings:

2 Cor 9:6-7

Luke 6:38

“If we live to give, God will see to it that we receive; but if we live only to get, God will see to it that we lose.”

3. Verse 4 – Jesus Cares About – How Much We Give:

Luke 21:4

Giving is all proportional to how God has blessed us.

“put in all that she had to live on.” – “she gave out of her poverty, her whole livelihood,”; it conveys the idea of “the means by which life is sustained.”

Warren Weirsbe said, “When it comes to our giving, God sees more than the portion: he also sees the proportion. Men see what is given, but God sees what is left, and by that he measures the gift and the condition of our hearts.”

This passage teaches that God can do great things with our little offering:

Matt 10:42

This Passage Teaches Equal Opportunity:

Application:

1. We Should Give Consciously and with Planning: 1 Cor. 16:1-4.
2. No One is Too Poor to Give to God.
3. God Sees Our Giving and It Is a Two Edged Sword: For those who give sacrificially like the widow, God knows and will reward. Those that are into self, Jesus sees and they are the losers.
4. Giving God’s Way Keeps the Spiritual and The Natural in Balance.