



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 21: 1-4

When Jesus looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

Our Scripture Reflection

Our Lord notices that the widow gave "from her poverty." Please note: When we give to the Lord, it's not about the money, and especially, the dollar amount! We must always remember:

1. The Lord needs nothing of what we offer Him. He is the giver of ALL in the first place...how could we ever outdo that?
2. It's not about how much we give. It's about the heart of the giver. Do we offer God our first and best, or does He get merely the leftovers? Do we give with a grateful heart?
3. Please remember, the most important gift we could ever offer God is our time. Your time is of much greater value than your treasure.

Food for your Journey

At one church I pastored, I was called one night to the home of a member couple. The husband had gotten out of bed to use the restroom and died on the spot. I went right over and stayed while the body was removed, and I talked and prayed with the wife. When it came time for me to leave I realized the woman had no family nearby to come and be with her. So I telephoned another woman in the congregation, one whose husband I had buried four years before. She came over and stayed the night with the newly widowed woman.

Later, the new widow told me what a comfort the other woman had been to her. She'd been through it herself, and out of her own walk through the dark valley had been able to minister to this newly bereaved woman in a way that I could not. Some good had been redeemed out of her pain.

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A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, You have blessed me with more gifts than I can recount. Thank You, Lord, for Your generosity to me. Help me to become humble and grateful and to use a portion of what You have given me for Your glory and praise. Amen.