



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

Jesus never condemns rich people. He never condemns money or possessions. When He teaches us about wealth and possessions, His focus is on the attitude of the heart towards them. That is why He praises the poor widow in today's Gospel reading. She has little to put in the Temple treasury. However, out of love of God, respect for her faith and her genuine humility and gratitude, she donates the little she has to give. She earns the esteem of Jesus.

Food for your Journey

The day before his birthday, a little boy went out with his mother as she ran her preparatory errands for the big occasion. At the grocery store, his mother whipped out her checkbook and paid for the groceries. At each destination

on her list - the toy store, the party store, the clothing store - his mother wrote a check to pay for her purchases. Later that evening when his grandparents quizzed him about what he might want for his birthday, the boy didn't hesitate for an instant: "I want a mommy book." To demonstrate he ran to his mother's purse and pulled out her checkbook. With it, he figured, he could get anything his heart desired.

A Prayer from the Heart

Gracious Father, I am blessed in more ways than I can imagine. You are always so good and generous to me. I am both humbled and grateful, Lord. Help me to show my gratitude by living my life in service to Your Son and Your people. Amen