

# The Widow's Mites

Our theme for this meeting is "Giving" and to start our reflections we look at the account of the Widow's Mites recorded in Scripture in Mark and Luke:

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

### [Mark 12:41-44](#)

<sup>41</sup> And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

<sup>42</sup> And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

<sup>43</sup> And 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:

<sup>44</sup> For all [they] did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, [even] all her living.

### [Luke 21:1-4](#)

<sup>1</sup> And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

<sup>2</sup> And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

<sup>3</sup> And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:

<sup>4</sup> For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

## DISCUSSION THOUGHTS:

1. Why should we give?

- Love, for whom?
- Obedience
- Duty
- Mercy

2. What is the right attitude for giving?

- Before God, not before men. [Matthew 6:1-4](#)

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- As he purposeth in his heart, not grudgingly, nor out of necessity, but cheerfully. [2 Corinthians 9:7](#)
  - Love [1 Corinthians 13:1-3](#)
3. What can we give?
- According to that which we have, not according to that which we have not [2 Corinthians 8:12](#)
  - Money (alms), to whom?  
... and what else?
  - Nourishment [James 2:15-16](#)
  - Hospitality [1 Peter 4:8-10](#) , [Hebrews 13:2](#)
  - Care [Luke 10:30-37](#)
  - Thanks and Praise [Hebrews 13:15](#)
4. What prevents us from giving?
- Is it easier to give when we are poor? [Matthew 19:16-24](#)
  - What does this say about the faith of the Widow?
  - Are there any excuses for not giving? [Mark 7:11-13](#)
  - Do we **really** trust God to provide for us? [Luke 12:22-31](#) Do we believe in God when we pray in the Lords' prayer "give us this day our daily bread"?
  - Is our treasure in earth rather than in heaven? [Matthew 6:19-21](#)
5. What gifts have we received?
- A Saviour and everlasting life. [John 3:16](#)
  - Grace and Faith. [Ephesians 2:8](#)
  - Peace. [John 14:27](#)
  - The Holy Spirit, a Comforter. [John 14:16](#)
  - Spiritual Gifts. [1 Corinthians 12](#)
  - How does this, or should this, affect our attitude to giving?