

QUESTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO ASK PEOPLE IN HEAVEN

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Questions for the Poor Woman Who Gave an
Offering of Two Coins. Luke 21:1-4

As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." Luke 21:1-4

QUESTIONS FOR THE WIDOW

1. You knew that you were going to go without your evening meal and perhaps breakfast, did you wrestle with this issue? (see *Psalms 37:25-28*)

2. Did it embarrass you to give so little, or were you intimidated by the big show of the others? (see *Matthew 6:2*)

3. How long did you go until your next meal?

4. Do you have any interesting stories about how God wonderfully supplied your needs?

A QUESTION FOR LUKE: WHY DID YOU PLACE THIS STORY HERE?

LESSONS FOR US AS GIVERS – the *Giving That Impresses Jesus*

1. Jesus is watching our giving ! WHY?

This is one of the areas we are tempted to "hide" from Jesus (See *Acts 5:1-4*).

Jesus knows we are most vulnerable to temptation in this area (see *1 Timothy 6:9-10*).

This is the area that most often competes for God's affection (*Matthew 6:24*).

The way a person handles this stewardship may be the greatest indicator of character (see *Luke 16:10*).

2. Jesus is not impressed with the size of our gift!

We cannot "buy" God (see *Acts 8:20*).

Proportion not portion determines the size of our gifts (see *1 Corinthians 16:2*).

3. Jesus is impressed by our attitude. (See *2 Corinthians 8:12*).

Three elements make up the attitude that Jesus desires - The widow woman illustrates all three

Responsible: sharing in the load. *2 Corinthians 9:12-13 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.*

Free: properly motivated. *2 Corinthians 9:7 Each should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Faith: believing God will supply. *Philippians 4:18-19 I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*