

AWARENESS.SKILLS.KNOWLEDGE.

Intergenerational Women's Ministry

St. Matthew AME Church

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25 June 2022

This month provides an overview of how her

Spiritual Gifts

Personality (Presence/Perspective)

Experiences (Positions/Protection)

Cares/Passions

Interest

Abilities

Life Talents

contributes to her special God-given purpose; equipping her to **minister to all God's children.**

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“We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.” Marian Wright Edelman

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All Women of the Bible by Herbert Lockyer – Widow With Two Mites

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“And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, ² and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. ³ So He said, “Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; ⁴ for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.”

Luke 21:1-4 (NKJV)

The Widow

- She is nameless.
- Her devotion touches our hearts, and we are grateful that Jesus noticed her sacrifice and has preserved her story.

The Occasion

- It was Paschal (Passover) Week where those from all over went into the Temple with their offerings for its manifold services.
- This is Wednesday of Passion Week. This is the final week of our Lord's life. On Monday He entered the city. On Tuesday He cleansed the temple. All day Wednesday He has been teaching the multitudes in the temple area and has been confronted by the false religious leaders of Judaism who have endeavored to trap Him in His words so that they might have some cause to have Him executed.
- Many who were rich gave and probably took no pains to conceal what they gave.
- But here was a widow intent on a far nobler purpose, namely to give all she could. She was unnoticed by those around her as she dropped into one of the chests her two tiny copper coins.
- When we speak of the widow's mite we have in mind a small offering, but to this nameless widow her mite represented all she had.

The Omniscience

- As an Israelite the widow would have been familiar with Hagar who called Jehovah, “Thou God seest me”. (Genesis 16:13)

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- The One sitting near the treasury was God manifest in flesh, and because of His omniscience He knew all about her and also the amount of her sacrificial gift.
- Jesus, sitting here in the temple, sees two things. First, He sees a lot of rich people giving a lot of money. Then, He sees a poor widow come and give two coins that together would make up a penny.
- Jesus has divine insight into the lives and characters of people – see Nathanael (John 1:47-48) and the woman of Samaria (John 4:18).
- The widow would come and go unobserved by the crowd, but the All-Seeing eye saw her and her secret.
- Her minute offering among so many gifts had gladdened the sorrowful soul of Him who was on His way to give His all at Calvary.

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Her Offering

- What the Scribes and Pharisees gave was insignificant, proportionally, alongside what the widow gave.
- Jesus argues that the widow has given the most because while the rich have only given from their surplus, and thus have not sacrificed anything to God, the widow has indeed sacrificed greatly. She has given “even all her living,” suggesting that she may now not have money for food.
- Her slender gift brought forth from the greatest Giver of all a message that lifted the poor (also, care for them, do not exploit them).
- Of note, it is not **what** we give but **how** (the spirit) we give that counts with Him who gave Himself for a lost world.

For Reflection

- Is the widow a hero for “giving her all” or a victim of the religious establishment?
- What is “all” you have to give?
- Does Jesus want your all?
- What is the real lesson here?

BLESSINGS OVERFLOW DURING THE JULY AND AUGUST RECESS.

YOU WILL BE MISSED!

SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2022!

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SKILL

Step Twenty: Giving

In [1 Samuel 16:7b](#) the Lord says *Man looks at how someone appears on the outside. But I look at what is in the heart.*"

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People might look at how much money rich people give. But God cares more about HOW we give than HOW MUCH we give. God knows what we are thinking and feeling when we give. If we are giving to impress people, He knows it. If we are giving because we love God and love others, He knows that, too.

"When you give to needy people, do not announce it by having trumpets blown. Do not be like those who only pretend to be holy. They announce what they do in the synagogues and on the streets. They want to be honored by others. What I'm about to tell you is true. They have received their complete reward." [Matthew 6:2](#)

True or False? Even though this passage of scripture involves issues of monetary giving, we should make sure to understand that there are many ways to give and be generous.

True or False? Giving money is good. But people can also be generous with their possessions, with their time, with their forgiveness, with the Gospel, etc. Make sure to focus on the importance of sacrificial giving in all circumstances, not merely on the generous giving of money.

True or False? Sacrificial giving is parting with what we'd rather keep. It's keeping the old and giving away the new or giving away both.

True or False? The giving of the first Christians was spontaneous, unguarded, and uncalculated.

True or False? Sacrificial giving appears to be unreasonable. In reality, though, it's perfectly reasonable. It brings God glory, meets others' needs, and ensures us eternal rewards. And all the while God takes care of our immediate needs.

True or False? Sacrificial giving makes no human sense. But we are to think like Christ, not the world.

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place." (Prov. 15:3.)

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KNOWLEDGE

Dear (insert your name) _____;

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Today I engaged in a conversation on sacrifice, giving, discernment and how God can use me in my womanhood as an Ambassador of Christ and what that means as God moves me from where I am to where He wants me to be. Because of what I heard, shared, learned, witnessed, thought about, I want to remember most



Blessings Overflow,

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