

**Life is about sense, not dollars**

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury.

Many rich people threw in large amounts.

<sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

<sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on."

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. Ecclesiastes 5:10

**1. God . . . . . all I do. 12:41a**  
 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:13

**2. God . . . . . all about me. 12:41b-42**  
 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income. 1 Corinthians 16:2a

**3. God . . . . . all motivations. 12:43**  
<sup>6</sup>Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

**3. God . . . . . all my decisions. 12:44**  
 Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Tim5:8

<sup>31</sup> Do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?"

<sup>32</sup> The pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Mat.6

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**My Prayer Points for this week**

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**For personal reflection, or as discussion starters**

1. What was your first job with real pay, and what did you earn?
2. It is often said that Pastors don't like preaching on giving, and congregations don't like hearing those sermons. Why might that be?
3. By contrast, Televangelists openly ask for money. What are some potential advantages and dangers of this approach?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 16:2. Why is this a win:win approach?
5. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 end with, "God loves a cheerful giver". Why would that be?
6. Read 1 Timothy 5:8. Why do you think such strong language is used in this context?
7. Review Jesus' words in Matthew 6:31-33. How does He add light, and take heat out of the discussion about money?

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