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Rediscover Jesus, Part 77: "The Widow's Sacrificial Gift" Luke 21:1-4 Ps. Jeff Susila

Jesus values the heart behind our giving MORE than the size of our gifts

I. Jesus sees our giving (vv. 1-2)

¹ Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box,² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.

II. Jesus values the heart behind our giving (vv. 3 - 4)

³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

What does our giving reveal about our hearts?

- (1) What we truly love.
- (2) Who our faith is truly in.
- (3) Where our hope truly is.

Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV): ¹⁹ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<u>2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV):</u> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

How should we give?

- (1) Proportionately
- (2) Generously
- (3) Cheerfully