**Sacrificial Giving**

“What it means to give sacrificially.”

**Text**: **Mark 12:41-44**, “**41**And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. **42**And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. **43**And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. **44**For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1**: **Don’t** ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.41A**

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**Point #2**: **Remember** ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.41B-42**

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**Point #3**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.43-44**

**Corollary Verses**: 2 Samuel 24:24; Matthew 6:2; Matthew 6:3-4; 2 Corinthians 8:12; 2 Corinthians 8:1-2; Mark 14:3-9.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **2 Samuel 24:24**; **Proverbs 3:9-10**; and **Matthew 19:27** then answer the following questions. Read the context of the 2 Samuel passage. Why was it important for David to buy and pay for the threshing floor from Araunah instead of accepting it as a free gift? Helpful hint… think of David’s personal sin in chapter 24. Read the proverbs passage and pay close attention to the personal pronouns. What kind of sacrifice does God desire from us? How great of a cost did Peter pay to follow Christ?
2. Read **Matthew 23:23** and **Luke 18:9-14** then answer the following questions. What do you learn from Jesus’s pronouncement against the Scribes and Pharisees in regards to their offerings? Why are they rejected by God? What does it reveal about their heart? What is the purpose for giving God an offering?
3. Read **Exodus 25:2**, **1 Samuel 16:7**; and **2 Kings 12:4-5** then answer the following questions. Why is it critical to engage both your head and your heart? How is giving an act of love and how does it bring glory to God in your life?
4. Read the following verses and discuss how they guide your sacrificial giving to God.[[1]](#footnote-1)
	1. Matthew 6:19-21 and Luke 6:38
	2. Mark 12:42-44; 2 Corinthians 8:1-3
	3. Luke 16:10-11
	4. Luke 19:8
	5. Philippians 4:14-20 and 2 Corinthians 8:2-3
	6. 2 Corinthians 9:7
	7. 2 Corinthians 8:8
1. *This is not an exhaustive list on giving! Feel free to add others passage of Scripture to the list above*. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)