



# Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

## Why Jesus Watches Our Wealth October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

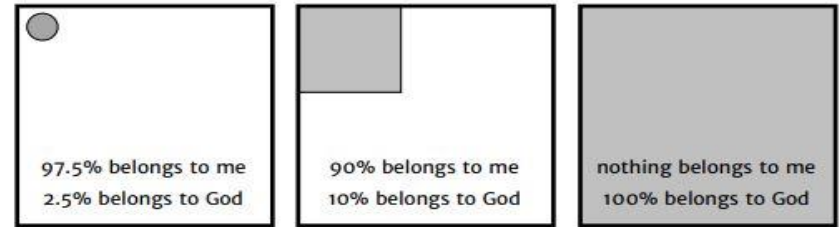
<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, 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."

1. How does it make you feel to think that Jesus watches what we give for offerings?\*
2. What are some ways in which the widow's offering was more than the wealthy persons' offerings?
3. What did the widow's offering reveal about her heart?
4. If you had to explain to a friend (a Mount Olive member) why Jesus cares about offerings, what might you say?

\* Some of the questions and answers in this study come from "10 FOR 10," available at <https://welscongregationalservices.net/10-for-10/>

5. Which of these diagrams do you think most accurately reflects the Bible's teaching on money, possessions, and our use of them?



6. What does your current giving reveal about your heart?
7. Make a list of things God has given to you. What does your list reveal about God's heart?
8. The most important question about your offerings is, "Do you know God's heart toward you." How so?
9. List some examples of people whose giving was transformed because they came to know God's love.
10. List the pros and cons of giving 10% of your income.
11. **2 Corinthians 8:9** "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor so that you through his poverty might become rich." Why would Pastor Wordell end his sermon by reading that verse?