

TITLE AND NUMBER: 210 God's generosity



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES: Mark 12:41-44

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. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few pence.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on.'

LOOKING FURTHER: Luke 6:35-38; Acts 3:1-16

What does the Bible passage tell us?

This reading shows us what is important in God's sight. The rich people gave large amounts of their wealth away. Then, Jesus affirmed a widow who put in two very small copper coins worth only a few pence. He noticed her, said that she had given everything, all that she had to live on. Her actions showed the depth of her commitment to God.

I wonder what happened next? Did Jesus speak to her and give her money to buy food? Mark's gospel does not tell us.

God's generosity is amazing. His love for us is beyond our imagining. He wants to fill us with His Holy Spirit and enable us to become the best version of ourselves. All that we have comes from Him. As we respond, how can we be generous to others in our attitudes, with our time and with our financial resources?

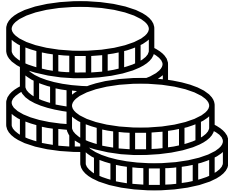
A friend told me about amazing hospitality in a very poor part of Africa, how with great joy and generosity the community opened their houses to English church visitors. God doesn't measure our generosity by how much money we give, but by how ready we are to share what we have.

Jesus says, 'Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.' Luke 6:38. As we become more generous, we will find blessing.

Reflection

- Give thanks for God's amazing love and generosity. On the back of this sheet, write down something that you are grateful for and remind yourself about it each day this week.
- Notice and give thanks when people are generous to you.
- Ask God to show you who you can be generous to this week?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

