

2) She gave with “a willing mind” (2 Corinthians 8:12).

3) She gave as she had “purposed in her heart” and gave “cheerfully; not grudgingly or of necessity” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

4) She gave out of her poverty – out of her deficiency; while the others who gave did so out of their excess or overflow (they gave what they did not need and thus did not show any self-denial).

Why The Widow Gave

1) She gave with an attitude of self-denial because she loved the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:5).

2) She was a self-less person. She did not calculate her resources to determine whether or not she was able to afford this gift. She was grateful for the Father’s gracious blessings (James 1:17). This is true sacrificial giving.

The gift of the poor widow was greater

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than all that had “cast money into the treasury” (Mark 12:41) because she gave more in direct proportion to her ability and thus secured a greater blessing from the Lord (vs. 43-44). She did voluntarily what Jesus had vainly commanded the rich young ruler to do (Matthew 19:21; cf. Luke 12:33; Acts 2:45; Acts 4:34-35). Many improperly apply the term “widow’s mite” to their trifling contributions. To give a widow’s mite, one must give all his living.

The time to learn “how” to benevolently give is in childhood (Ecclesiastes 12:1; cf. Lamentations 3:27). It should be every Christian man and woman’s duty to observe, not how much to give, but how much compared with what he or she has and the “motive” behind our giving (2 Corinthians 8:12). Few are willing to practice self-denial, however this attitude is what is required of our Lord (Matthew 16:24) in order to advance the gospel and thus His kingdom (Mark 8:34-35).

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The Poor Widow’s Sacrificial Heart

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sun. Morning Radio & TV

KTXR 101.3 FM

Lifeline, 7:15 AM

Channel 10

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Living Word, 7:30 AM

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In Mark 12:41-44, the text reads: “And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.”

As we are “giving” into the Lord’s treasury each Sunday, do we as Christians really know and understand the true meaning of this term in our land of plenty? From the above account of Jesus, let us make some observations concerning the sacrificial giving of this precious lady in Mark 12:41-44 and see if we can make application of the self-less attitude of her heart to our own life.

Greek Meaning Of The Word “Poor”

The Greek word for poor in our text is “ptochos” and literally

means one who is “crouching, cringing in the manner of beggars; hence, begging, beggarly, poor; then, as subst., a beggar, mendicant, living on the alms of others, having nothing at all” [E.W. Bullinger, Critical Lexicon And Concordance To The English And Greek New Testament (1982), p. 590]. While some of us regard ourselves as “poor,” relative to others who have “more” than we do, the import of our text suggests that this poor widow was extremely destitute.

What The Widow Gave

She gave “all that she had, even all her living” (vs. 44). Her action indicates that she was a believer in the Lord’s providence. Even though she gave her entire income, she trusted that the Lord somehow would care for her (Philippians 4:19; cf. Psalm 23:1). She did not believe the Lord would allow her to die of starvation (cf. Psalm 37:25). Such sacrificial trust is rare indeed.

How The Widow Gave

1) She followed the Lord’s Will and “first gave her own self to the Lord” (Matthew 7:21; 2 Corinthians 8:5).

Privileged to Serve

Worship Coordinator: Steve Crews

Announcements: Randy Hyder

Before Service Greeters: Thad & Patsy Layne

After AM Services Greeters: Roy & Judy Phillips, Ron Peck & Donna Demshar

Sunday AM

Songleader: Jeff Fisher

Lord's Table

*Jim Cruise, David Doherty, Ron Peck, Daniel Hyder

Opening Prayer: Dennis Richardson

Closing Prayer: Luther Sheppard

Sermon: Eddie Watkins

Sunday PM

Songleader: John L. Sanders

Lord's Table: Travis Hampton

Opening Prayer: Jim Cruise

Closing Prayer: John Marshand

Sermon: TBA

Wednesday Night

Devotional: Roy Phillips

Songleader: John L. Sanders

Prayer: Luther Sheppard

Statistics for July 9, 2017

AM Worship **86**

PM Worship **71**

Midweek **61**

Total Contr. **\$1925**

News and Announcements

No classes Wednesday night due to VBS. Singing and Devo in Auditorium.

VBS STARTS TOMORROW. July 17-21, 9AM each day.

Auditorium: 9-9:15

Class: 9:15-10:00

Snacks: 10:00-10:15

Class & Crafts: 10:15-10:45

Auditorium: 10:45-11:00

Open House for Parents: Friday 6:30-8:00

Welcome to new members **Mary Charlotte Lines** and **Susan Brown**. Contact information to follow.

Fair Haven Children's Home Needs

Dry Goods/Cooking

Sugar

Flour

Cereal

Chocolate Syrup

Cocoa

Microwave Popcorn

Vanilla

Pam Spray

Chili Powder

Chocolate Chips

Condiments

Mayonnaise

Miracle Whip

Taco Sauce

Enchilada Sauce

Honey

Gravy Mixes

Fruits/Vegetables

Canned Pineapple

Green Olives

Green Peas

Canned Mandarin Oranges

Black Olives

Canned Peaches

Canned Fruit Cocktail

Canned Goods

Canned Chicken

Tuna

Refried Beans

Spam

Bathroom/Toilet

Bar Soap

Deodorant

Hair Conditioner

Kleenex

Toothpaste

Laundry/Dishes

Bleach

Dishwashing Liquid

Dishwashing Powder

Liquid Fabric Softener

Juice/Beverage

Canned Juices/Coffee

Miscellaneous

Aluminum Foil

Freezer Bags – Quart

Freezer Bags – Gallon

Plastic Wrap

Storage Bags - Quart

Storage Bags - Gallon

Prayer List

Pat Harris has had a stint installed and is at home.

Arthur Bodine is now living in Marshfield Care Center because of the need for more care.

Caroline Bright is recovering at home.

Terry McMasters to have hip surgery July 18.

Gerald D. Watkins was in better shape than anticipated when I saw him, but it is still expected that he has but a short time left.

Jim Chittendon, friend of Ron and Cathy Thompson (member of the Lord's church) surgery was cut short because of the spread of cancer.

Missy Lewis is having back problems.

Rosie Howton, Wanda Crews' sister, heart, lungs and liver problems.

Judy & Roy Phillips are having health issues.

Joanne Lawrence's nephew, **Micaiah Sedlacek** (17) has kidney failure and is on dialysis and is waiting on a kidney replacement.

Bobby Lewis continues to have health problems and will see his doctor August 1.

Jamie Westcomb, Nicole's friend, has stage 4 kidney and liver cancer.

Tim McGregory a friend of Robert Comer has cancer

July Birthdays

Kendall Kanengieter	7/2
Joshua Page	7/11
Daylon Kanengieter	7/15
Harley Dombly	7/16
David Page	7/18
Deanna Bodenhamer	7/21
Mollie Hyder	7/22

Roy Phillips	7/22
Ina Gillette	7/23
Kalan Colwart	7/27
Trenton Farley	7/28
Suzi Doty	7/30
Eddie Watkins	7/31

July Anniversaries

David & Mona Page	7/7
Jim & Brenda Cruise	7/18

David Page is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

Stephany Rogers, Dean Sitton's daughter has had a stroke.

Connie Isis has a friend with cancer.

JoAnne Lawrence is recuperating at home.

Beth Adams has resumed chemo.

Daniel Henslee and family, Steve & Michelle's son-in-law.

Robert Comer's step-dad **Ray** is having problems with his blood.

Tim Warden, Janet Haffner's brother has contracted leukemia.

Andy Novinger who is fighting Thyroid Cancer.

Magdalena Ospina — Has improved. Her leukemia is under control at this time.

Remember the home bound

- Paul and Ernestine Sandoz
- Estelline Jones
- Ina Gillette (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- Pat Lamb (Marshfield Care Center)
- Judy Barrow (Webco Manor)
- Bonnie Doherty (Webco East)
- Zoe Lawless of Conway (Webco)
- Rosalie Rosenberger (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jax, FL.