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## **A Generous Life: The Beauty of Giving**

Demonstrating Our Generosity by Our Faith

Mark 12:41–44 (HCSB)

*Sitting across from the temple treasury, He watched how the crowd dropped money into the treasury. Many rich people were putting in large sums. <sup>42</sup> And a poor widow came and dropped in two tiny coins worth very little. <sup>43</sup> Summoning His disciples, He said to them, “I assure you: This poor widow has put in more than all those giving to the temple treasury. <sup>44</sup> For they all gave out of their surplus, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she possessed - all she had to live on.”*

Romans 12:3–8 (HCSB)

*For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one. <sup>4</sup> Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. <sup>6</sup> According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the standard of one’s faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in service; if teaching, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.*

### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ CAN BE GENEROUS vv Mark 12:41-42**

- You do not have to be \_\_\_\_\_ to be generous.
- All of us have the same opportunities to give.

### **2. GOD WANTS OUR \_\_\_\_\_ MORE THAN OUR MONEY vv Mark 12:43-44**

- God is looking for all your heart, not all you have.
- In God’s economy, \_\_\_\_\_ out of struggle far exceeds giving out of surplus.

### **3. OUR GENEROSITY BECOMES AN \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR FAITH vv Romans 12:3**

- About the time we think God can’t do it without us, He shows us differently.
- The stronger our \_\_\_\_\_, the more generous we become.

### **4. GOD IS NOT LOOKING FOR EQUAL GIFTS, BUT FOR EQUAL \_\_\_\_\_ vv Romans 12:4-8**

- Giving is one of the spiritual gifts.
- Like all spiritual gifts, we don’t have equal portions, but equal \_\_\_\_\_ to use them.

### **The Next Step:**

Live the generous life with giving by faith.