

# The Bible Truth About Giving

LUKE 21:1-4

Intro. A. Jesus taught and preached in the temple.

1. 20:1 "he taught the people... and preached the gospel."
2. This was exhausting work and He sat down.  
LUKE 12:41 "... And Jesus sat over against the treasury..."

VS.1 3. Having rested His head in His hands He then looked up. "... he looked up and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury".

In the Court of the Women were thirteen trumpet-shaped receptacles into which the people deposited their gifts. These gifts were used for various purposes: e.g., to buy wood or incense for the altar or to maintain the golden vessels in the temple. Each receptacle bore a label denoting for which of these its contents would be used. A regular procession of givers went by casting in their large gifts.

B. Jesus also saw a poor widow casting in her gift.

1. She was a poor widow.
2. She had to work for a living and lived in abject poverty.
3. "two mites" = "leptos" a very thin coin worth about  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a cent. So she gave  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cent.

I. Jesus Then Analyzed What He Had Seen.

A. He alerted them that He would speak a non-traditional belief.

VS.3 1. "of a truth" = ἀληθῶς = "in very deed", "the manifested, veritable essence of a matter".

2. The truth was, "... this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: "

3. How could this be, how could a person who gives less give more?

4. Let Jesus explain.