

The Widow's Offering

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Narration One day, Jesus and his disciples visited the temple and Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Amongst the crowd was one rich man who swaggered forward.

Rich Man Ahem, ah~~ this is heavy~~~

Narration The rich man opened his money pouch and took out his money for all to see. Then he put a portion of his money into the temple treasury. The people talked in whispers when they saw the rich man put in a lot of money in the temple treasury.

Person 1 Hey, look at him! Gosh, he really does have a lot of money~

Person 2 Look at all the offering he is putting into the temple treasury~ His faith must be really strong~~

Person 1 You're right. God will certainly bless him greatly for the large offering he has made.



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Narration After the rich man passed, a poor widow dressed in shabby clothes came in front of the temple treasury. Although there were a lot of people, no one paid any attention to her.

W i d o w This is all the money I have... Still, I am grateful to have some money to give to God as an offering.

Narration The widow placed her two very small copper coins into the temple treasury. Her offering was worth only 200~300 won (in Korean currency) - very little indeed.

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Clink (the sound of coins falling)~~

Narration When the people heard the coins clink in the temple treasury, they laughed at the poor widow.

Person 1 Tut. Tut. How can she offer so little to God?

Person 2 She must be of little faith~

Person 1 I'm going to earn a lot of money and make a big offering like the rich man!!



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Narration Someone was watching all of this quietly. Yes, it was Jesus. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said:

J e s u s This poor widow has put more into the treasury than the rich man.

Disciple What do you mean Jesus? The rich man gave a large offering to God whereas the widow only gave two small copper coins.

J e s u s The rich man gave out of his wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on.



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Narration God does not look at our outwardly appearance. He doesn't even look at how much offering we make. God is interested in how much we love Him, how sincerely we love Him.