

**The Treasure Principle  
Part #2 – Giving Like a Disciple**

**Mark 12:41-44**

**Luke 12:15 (NASB)** – Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; *for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.*"

**Big Idea: Your Giving Matters to God**

**Main Passage**

**Mark 12:41-44 (NASB)** – <sup>41</sup> And He sat down opposite the treasury, and *began* observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. <sup>43</sup> Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; <sup>44</sup> for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."

**Three Elements of Giving Like a Disciple**

**Contrast Two Examples**

- **Example #1 Religious Leaders** Men of Spiritual Poverty & Physical Prosperity
- **Example #2 Poor Widow** Woman of Physical Poverty & Spiritual Prosperity

**Element #1 – Realize that God is Watching Your Giving and Living**

- **Mark 12:41 (NASB)** – <sup>41</sup> And He sat down opposite the treasury, and *began* observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums.
- **Proverbs 15:3** – The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good.

**Element #2 – Realize that God Weighs Our Motive More than Our Amount**

- **Mark 12:42-43 (NASB)** <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. <sup>43</sup> Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury;
- **1 Chronicles 28:9** – "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.
- **Matthew 9:4** – And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?"
- **1 Corinthians 4:5** – Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

**Element #3 – Trust God: Give and Live With An Eternal Perspective**

- **Mark 12:43-44 (NASB)** <sup>43</sup> Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; <sup>44</sup> for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."
- **Matthew 13:44** – "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

**Memory Verse**

**Psalm 51:10 (NASB)** – "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

**Application**

**Treasure Principle Challenge** – Read through the book "**The Treasure Principle**" written by Randy Alcorn and study the Biblical principles within its pages. Upon reading the book, begin applying the principles in the area of giving and living. This month strive to give with a Kingdom focus in mind. Ask God where He wants you to give more for His glory?

**CICERO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
1715 Stringtown Pike / Cicero, Indiana 46034 / 317.984.4653  
[reachteachserve.org](http://reachteachserve.org)

