

New Life Church Morning Worship
March 22, A.D. 2015
Mark 12:41 - 44 — The Living Sword, Part Seven

Having warned against the hypocrisy that was so rampant among the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus watches HOW people give financially. Some no doubt do so with a false show of piety, as if the size of their gift was an index of their godliness.

But He sees someone else who gives sincerely and sacrificially. In the sight of the God Who multiplied loaves and fish, her gift was greater...

- I. Verses 1-12, The vineyard owner and his tenants - *message of February 1*
- II. Verses 13-17, An entrapment question about taxation - *message of February 8*
- III. Verses 18-27, An entrapment question about resurrection - *message of February 22*
- IV. Verses 28-34, A question from a "Berean" scribe - *message of March 1*
vs. 34, "...after that no one dared question Him." He now goes on offense!
- V. Verses 35-37, Jesus grills them about the Son of David - *message of March 8*
- VI. Verses 38-40, Jesus rebukes the scribes' hypocrisy - *message of March 15*
- VII. Verses 41-44, Jesus commends the sacrificial giving of the widow - *today's message***

Introduction: A Stark Contrast

A. The Treasury, Two Mites, and a Quadrans

1. Recognition from God is so much better!
2. Ananias and Sapphira, take note!

B. God Gets More "Bang for His Buck!"

1. A second woman, Mark 14:1-9

A "Sidebar"

2. The Analogy of Faith

C. And His Rewards are Out of This World!

1. The promise of Luke 6:38
2. Giving is part of worship

Concluding Application