

FAITH, FINANCES, AND A FRESH START

Lesson Four • Mark 12:41-44

Giving That Grabs God's Attention

Question to Ponder:

What difference would it make if you knew God was paying attention to your giving?

Three Truths About Giving:

Truth #1 God Pays Attention To My GIVING!

- Giving represents who we really ARE as a person.
- Giving represents what we really VALUE in life.
- Giving represents how much we really TRUST God.

Truth #2 God Pays Attention To The AMOUNT I Give!

- God is aware of our CIRCUMSTANCES in life.
- God is aware of the CONTENT of our giving.
- God is the One who makes the final CALCULATION in our giving.

Truth #3 God Pays Attention To My ATTITUDE As I Give!

- Giving is not about problems but priorities—so give FAITHFULLY.
- Giving is not about wealth but willingness—so give GENEROUSLY.
- Giving is not about obligation but opportunity—so give JOYFULLY.
- Giving is not about legalism but Lordship—so give THANKFULLY.

How to Get Started with Honoring God in Your Giving:

1. DECIDE you are going to give financially to God through our local church.
2. DEFINE the amount God is leading you to give (*tithe = 10%*).
3. DISCIPLINE yourself to give on a consistent basis throughout the year (*weekly, bi-weekly or monthly*).

Reflecting On the Sacrificial Gift of Jesus Christ through Communion:

Please remain seated as the bread and juice is passed out by rows. The bread and juice represent the broken body and shed blood of Christ with His death on the Cross for our salvation.

Who Should Participate in Communion?

Believers in Jesus Christ who are in authentic fellowship with God and one another are exhorted to participate in Communion based on the "examination of their heart" in 1Corinthians 11:27-29.