

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

November 8, 2015

Twenty-Fourth after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146 (8)

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44



What's in Your Heart? Object: Several coins of various values from small to large.

In today's lesson, we will see the way Jesus looks at people and hopefully, it will change the way we look at people as well.

You and I sometimes look at people and form an opinion about them by how much money they have. If there is a child in your class at school whose parents have a lot of money, is that child treated better than others in the class? If there is someone who doesn't have much and can't afford to wear nice clothes, are they treated the same as those who have a lot of money? When we see a homeless person on the street, do we look at that person the same way we look at someone who lives in a big, fancy house?

One day, Jesus and his disciples were sitting at the temple, watching people drop their money in the offering box. As they watched the people come by, they saw some who were rich people put in large amounts of money. The disciples were very impressed to see the large offerings the rich people gave. Then along came a poor widow. She put just a small amount into the box. When Jesus saw her, he called his disciples together and said, "This poor widow has given more than all the others have given. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."

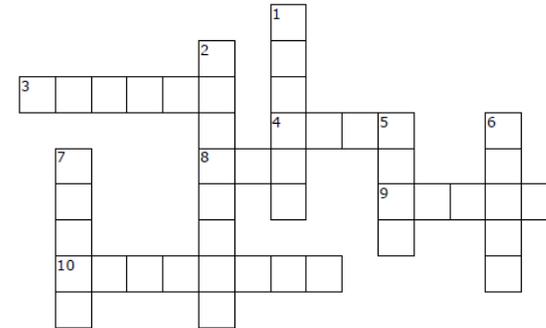
When we give our offerings of money or time or talent to God, he doesn't compare our offerings to those of other people. God looks at the attitude we have about giving. When we give with a generous and thankful heart, God is pleased with us and happy.

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that you look at what is in our heart and not at what is in our purse. We pray that we will look at others in the same way that you look at us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia The LORD raises up the poor from the dust, to make them inherit a seat of honor. Alleluia (1 Sam. 2:8)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3. A reddish-brown metal which is sometimes used in making coins
- 4. Having little or no wealth
- 8. The entire amount; everything
- 9. A small piece of flat, circular metal, used for money
- 10. A contribution or gift made at a religious service

DOWN

- 1. A building used for worship
- 2. A place where funds are received, kept, and dispensed
- 5. Having great material wealth
- 6. The official currency issued by a government
- 7. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried

POOR	COINS	TREASURY	COPPER	TEMPLE
ALL	WIDOW	OFFERING	MONEY	RICH

LACED HEART: Provide the children with two cut out hearts and hole punch around the edges. The children will first decorate the hearts with words from today's Bible story on each side of the heart. Lace the two hearts together with yarn and stuff the heart with some tissues before closing up the heart completely with the lacing.

HEART PENNY CARD: Give each child a colorful card stock square to cut into a heart shape and hot glue a penny to the middle of the heart. Using markers, the children will decorate the heart with their name and words from today's lesson. Hole punch the heart and add yarn to hang around the child's neck.

THE WIDOW'S MITE

