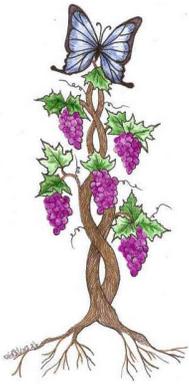


*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*



November 11, 2018

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44



25th Sunday after Pentecost
Object: Piggy Bank

This morning we're going to talk about money. My mother always said it isn't polite to talk about money, but Jesus actually talked about it quite a bit. This story is about one of those times.

Jesus was in the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple was the biggest, fanciest sanctuary where the Hebrew people worshipped. For the Jews, it was the holiest place on earth.

On the day of our story, Jesus had been teaching large crowds of people. When he was finished, Jesus and the disciples rested in the Temple. They sat in a place called the Treasury. From there, Jesus could see the people putting their offerings in the money box. They didn't pass offering plates through the pews like we do today. At the Temple, folks went to the Treasury and put their money in the money box whenever they felt like it.

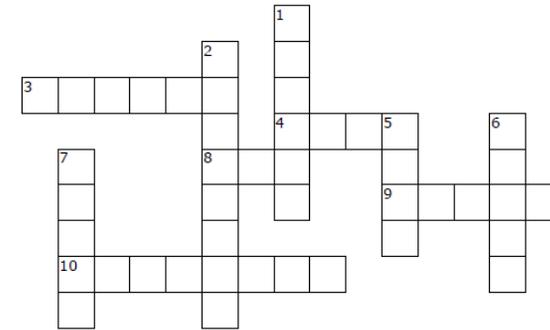
So, Jesus watched people come and go, and make their offerings to God. He saw many rich people come along and put in large amounts of money. Then he saw a widow walk quietly up to the Treasury box. She slipped two small coins into the box, and quickly walked away. The coins together were worth about one penny. And yet, do you know what Jesus told his disciples? He said to them, "This poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury."

Jesus went on to explain that all the other people he saw had given what they had left over. But the poor widow had given all that she had.

Even if we don't have a lot, we all have something we can share with those who have less than we do.

Prayer: Kind and Generous God, every good gift comes from you. Help us to be generous with all that we have so that all may know of your love and care. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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 dispursed
- 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

Activity: Coin rubbings- Give each child a piece of plain white paper and crayons. Place several coins of various sizes on the table and have the children place their paper on top of the coin and color on top of it. They may cut out each coin if they wish.

Discussion Question: When you have to share something with a sibling or a friend, how does that make you feel? Do you share willingly or do you share only because you've been asked to? How do you feel when others share with you?

Family Table Prayer for November: Thank you God for food and prayer. Teach us how to love and share. Amen.

November Memory Verse: Colossians 3:17 – And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The Widow's Mite

