

Mark 12:41-44 **Giving to the Treasury of the House of God**

41 Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. 42 Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans.

43 So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; 44 for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ God watches what goes into the Treasury of the House of God. [Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4]
- ✧ He is most interested in the gift of the heart.
- ✧ The degree of sacrifice on the part of the giver determines the value of the gift.
- ✧ This is, because it demonstrates the love for God and commitment in the heart of the giver.

✧ God is not impressed with the size of the gift, but in the condition of the heart.

✧ In the same line, we find God saying:

21 "I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.

22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.

23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.

24 But let **justice** run down like water, And **righteousness** like a mighty stream.
NKJV [Amos 5:21-24]

✧ And again He said:

16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it;

You do not delight in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a **broken spirit**, A **broken and a contrite heart**--

These, O God, You will not despise. [Psalm 51:16-17] NKJV

For I desire **mercy** and not sacrifice, And the **knowledge of God** more than burnt offerings. [Hosea 6:6] NKJV

6 With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O man, what is good;

And what does the LORD require of you

But to **do justly**, To **love mercy**, And to **walk humbly with your God**? [Micah 6:6-8]

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