

The Scribes' Might & The Widow's Mite

(Luke 20:45-21:4)

- Introduction:
1. One of the compelling storylines in the Bible is that its heroes are often the most unlikely, the least qualified, and the most like me.
 2. Such is the case with today's account taken from Luke 20:45-21:4.
 3. What I would like to accomplish in this lesson is for us to find the person with which our actions and attitudes most identify.

I. The Common Lessons Learned From This Text

- A. The widow gave.
 1. (Luke 21:2).
 2. The fact that she gave was a demonstration of her faithfulness and her desire to serve God.
- B. The widow gave sacrificially.
 1. (Luke 21:2-3).
 2. She gave all that she had.
- C. The widow gave more.
 1. (Luke 21:3).
 2. Our giving is not measured strictly upon how much we give, but also upon how much we have left.

II. The Uncommon Lessons Learned From This Text

- A. Shame on the Scribes.
 1. (Luke 20:46-47).
 2. The scribes were well off, yet they were taking advantage of the most vulnerable.
 3. They were allowing those with the least to fund the work while they enjoyed their abundance.
- B. She gave anyway.
 1. (Luke 20:45-21:4).
 2. She didn't rationalize an excuse for herself for not giving.
 3. The fact that they were abusing the funds didn't this widow an excuse not to give.

- Conclusion:
1. As we examined this account and the parties involved, with whom did you most accurately identify?
 - a. The Scribes?
 - b. The widow?
 2. If you don't like the answer to this question, then make a change. That's the point of Jesus' teaching in the first place. He calls us all to change.
 3. If you are fine with your answer to this question, then keep on sacrificially serving your Lord.