

Wednesday 9th June 2021

Mark 12:42-44 ⁴² *But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.* ⁴³ *Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.* ⁴⁴ *They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

How would you feel knowing that Jesus was watching how much our offerings were each week? Would knowing this make you put more money in? We can of course put nice big fat cheques in to boost the coffers. In today's world some people like to make it known that they have personally made a huge donation to whatever cause they might be involved in. While it is good for the cause the question is do they donate for the right reasons or is it to be seen to be giving the large donations therefore, taking the praise for themselves. Maybe there are some today that do this in church.

The answer is not how much money we put in but in the depth of feeling in our hearts for our Lord. That is what Jesus was looking at the offerings that particular day. The wealthy can give and did give but it was easy for them to give their offerings, but the widow who had only two small coins to her name yet gave them to the "church" she gave from the depths of her heart for her love of her Lord. And it also showed she had a deep faith that her Lord would provide for her. Jesus called the disciples to him to point out that this widow had given much, much more than all the others as it had come from her heart and her faith in God, knowing he would give her what she needed. There are times when we today might not have much to give but if it is given from a deep love and faith in Christ, then Christ will be more than happy with the gift you give. This devotion is just to let the Holy Spirit enter deep into your heart and to take time to pray for a deep and loving heart for Jesus.

Dear God, we abound in hope by the power of Your **Holy Spirit**. Fill us with all joy and peace as we believe in You. **Holy Spirit**, empower our lives to produce Your fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control **Amen**.