

LEARNING WITH LUKE 20:45-21:4 “TIME TO GIVE!” P. 1046 PEW BIBLE

Luke 20:45-47 - “Beware of the scribes...who devour widows' houses...will receive the greater condemnation”

Luke 21:1-4 - “This poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she in her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

1- FROM THE HEART - greater condemnation

Luke 20:45-57 - hypocritical

Mark 12:38-40

Matt 23:1-37 - woe

Luke 11:37-54

Professing to be instructors and possessors of the keys of knowledge, they were proved unable to explain their own Scriptures. They lived as hypocrites, and of the degrees of misery in hell, they will have the lowest place. -JC Ryle

Acts 6:1-7, James 1:27,

1 Tim 5:1-16 - widows

Theirs is a culture of deceit, and to them will come greater condemnation. They placed their own honor above the sovereign Yahweh God and His Son, Jesus Adonai. They failed as advocates and became exploiters. -RC Sprout

2- IT'S ALL GOD'S - greater commendation

Luke 21:1-4 - humble

Mark 12:41-42

Rom 11:33-36

Psalm 139, 40:17

Prov 15:3, Heb 4:12-13

God is watching over us with an eternal consciousness, above and beyond our every hope and fear. -G MacDonald

The widow, not the religious leaders, was living out the Shema, loving God with all she was and had. -RK Hughes

3- LESS IS MORE? - two small copper coins

Luke 21:3-4 - heart

Mark 12:28-34

Mark 12:43-44

Luke 12:19-34 - hope

Luke 16:1-15 - hoard

With God it rates less for a rich man to give a moderate sum, than for a poor man to exhaust himself. -J Calvin

The real issue isn't ultimately about money, but the heart. She hadn't much to give, but she gave all she had to the Lord. Jesus watched, knowing that week would end with Him giving everything. How will you respond? -SB Ferguson

4- AUDIT YOURSELF - Christ's visitation

Prov 11:24, 14:21,31, 19:17

God does not need our money. Yet we cannot give ourselves to Him apart from our money. It tells us where our hearts are. Money talks. Do we give grudgingly or willingly? Does our giving cost us anything?

What is our attitude when we are not being watched? What will the Judgment reveal? -RK Hughes

- give weekly - 1 Cor 16:2

- give proportionately - 1 Cor 16:2

- give generously - 2 Cor 8:2-3, 9:6; 1 Tim 6:18

- give willingly - 2 Cor 8:2-3, 9:7, 2 Sam 24:24

- give sacrificially - 2 Cor 8:3, Acts 4:32-33

- give expectantly - 2 Cor 9:1-15

The only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. If our expenditure on comforts is up to the standard common of those with our income, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not pinch us, they are too small.

There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes it. -CS Lewis

DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD

10-31 **Luke 20:45-21:4** - all she had

11-01 **Luke 12:19-34** - lay up treasures

11-02 **1 Cor 16:1-4** - lay aside weekly

11-03 **2 Cor 8:1-24** - excel in grace-giving

11-04 **2 Cor 9:1-15** - abound in good work

11-05 **1 Tim 6:6-10,17-19** - hope in God

11-06 **Matt 23:1-39** - woe to hypocrites

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?

