

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

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Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."

Mark 12:43

The values of the kingdom of God are not the same as the values of this world! *Have you noticed that?* Imagine you're holding a fund-raiser for a worthy cause when two people come in at about the same time. The first is wearing an expensive Italian suit with matching leather shoes. He has huge diamond rings on three of the fingers of his right hand. Glancing out the window to the parking lot, you spot a well-dressed chauffeur standing at attention beside a huge Rolls Royce. Seemingly without a care, this man plops a check for \$100,000 into the collection basket and turns and walks away.

The other man is different. His coat is old and tattered. It looks as if he may have slept in it last night. He needs a shave. There are holes in his shoes. He hardly looks up at you as he pulls two crumpled dollar bills from his old, faded wallet. You're pretty sure they are his last. He too then turns and walks away.

Which of these men made the bigger impression on you that day? Or better yet, which one will you still be talking about three weeks later? And most important of all, which one would we think gave the more significant gift?

That's what I want us to think about this morning, ***Significant Giving!*** Specifically, your giving and what it says about you and what matters most in your life. Do you understand what it is about giving that marks it off as significant in the eyes of God? How can we insure that our giving, whatever the amount may be, is truly and eternally significant?

Pray with me that God would give us insight into His word and into our lives and values as well.

By His Grace and For His Glory,

Pastor Scott