

Giving God's Way – Luke 21:1-4 – 1/14/24

Series: *Good News of Great Joy for All People*

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Intro: Pastors on subject – root of all evil? Giving percentages

Don't give because of: shame, show, selfishness – guilt, gloating, greed

➤ Pronouncement about Giving – v. 1-4 – (Mark 12:41-44)

- **P**rosperity – out of – *they all contributed out of their abundance.*
- **P**overty – all – *but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.*
- **P**erspective – *Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.*

➤ Principles of Giving – OT economy of Jewish tithing (10th) under the Torah – (3 tithes = 23%) – Levitical (Lev. 27; Num. 18; Neh. 10) Feast (Deut. 12; 14; 16) Poor Tithe (Deut. 14; 26)

Malachi 3:8

- **P**articipatory – involved – 1 Cor. 16:2
- **P**lanned – willing – 2 Cor. 8:12 (Rom. 13:8)
- **P**rioritized – consistent – 1 Cor. 16:2
- **P**roportional – relative – 1 Cor. 16:2 (remember Rom. 13:8)
- **P**lentiful – generous – 2 Cor. 9:6-8
- **P**urposeful – decided – 2 Cor. 9:7
- **P**rovisional – trusting – 2 Cor. 9:8

Acts 20:35

Luke 6:38

- ✚ Give yourself to God first – 2 Cor. 8:5
- ✚ Excel in this grace of giving – 2 Cor. 8:7
- ✚ Give motivated by love – 2 Cor. 8:8-9; 1 Cor. 16:14; 13:3