

Giving my two cent's worth

Mark 12:41-44

- I. The way God sees our Giving – Our financial giving is measured by God in terms of *sacrifice*, not *amount*.
- A. Contrasting amounts given – The rich at the temple gave large gifts, while the widow at the temple gave only two of the smallest coins (Mark 12:41-42).
- B. Giving out of surplus: Some may give large amounts, but actually it's not costing them much if they are wealthy (Mark 12:43).
- C. Giving out of sacrifice: Giving a small amount financially is actually a larger gift in God's eyes because the sacrifice is greater. (Mark 12:44)

Why do we Give Financially?

Biblical Reasons

1. Worship of God
2. Trust in God
3. Gratitude to God for His grace
4. Compassion for those in need
5. Commitment to biblical ministry goals

Selfish Reasons

1. Giving so others know and are impressed
2. Giving to feel good about myself
3. Giving to manipulate God into blessing me

- II. The way God sees our Living – Financial giving pictures the bigger issue of how and why we serve God.