

*“And [Jesus] looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And He saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither **Two Mites**. And He said, ‘Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.’” **Luke 21:1-4 KJV***



The lesson of the widow’s mites is that the value of our good works is relative to how God values them, not the valuation or opinion of men. The widow gave her last two bits to God. Sure, the rich gave more, but their giving was of less value to God, because it cost them no personal sacrifice. They gave some, but the widow gave all! Christ gave us His all on Calvary: Is He worthy of any less from us? You may be judging your heart for Christ by the deeds of others, but the real question is, and let us be painfully honest with ourselves; am I holding back? Do I “pray without ceasing?” Do I meditate; think of God’s Word, “day and night?” Do I “do all things as unto the Lord?” Is all THAT I do all I CAN do? “All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established. In ALL thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.” Light is the pilgrim’s best friend. It illuminates the path. A path is a clearly marked way, visible usually by its frequent use. Do your paths go toward God or away from Him? Why do you do what you do? You see, God knows the “thoughts and intents” of your heart. You can clean house “as unto the Lord,” or you can do it with bitterness. If you give it your all, because you desire His Favor, it pleases God. Just giving something your ALL is not the criteria for gaining God’s Favor. We could put all our effort into a good work, but if we neglect our children in so doing, we have not given all. “In ALL thy ways” includes taking out the trash “as unto the Lord.” Are your paths clearly marked by frequent use? Could anyone follow your paths and find God?

The widow’s mites did please the Lord,
Because her living she did not hoard,
But gave it all, because she knew,
Her Father’s Love would bring her through. –CGP

“Those two are inseparable!” Why? Because they enjoy each other’s company. Drudgery becomes delight in the right company. Who’s keeping you company, today, in this vale of sorrow?

“This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the Truth: But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 John 1:5-7 KJV