

DGM Message Summary: God's Choreography

Takeaway:

Is it so wrong to give AND desire the credit? Let's discover together HOW God views giving and WHAT Jesus is looking for in a giver. Through the parable of the widow who gave all she had, you'll understand that IT'S NOT ABOUT THE AMOUNT YOU GIVE but the heart behind why you give.

Scriptural References:

- Mark 12:13-29
 - "Now Jesus sat..." He'd had a tough morning, fielding questions from the Pharisees.
 - They asked a series of questions:
 1. Paying taxes? "Who's face is on that coin?" Jesus answer taught them we are made in the image and likeness of God...give Ceasar HIS due, but give God HIS due...
 2. "Who would be the widow's husband in the day of resurrection?" Because a she had gone through 7 husbands (brothers) as was tradition of the law. Jesus called them ignorant. He told them they needed to see the point...marriage is just for THIS life. There is life beyond...that's what He came to accomplish for us!
 3. "What is the greatest commandment?" Love.
- Mark 12:41
 - Jesus sat...
 - He needed His rest because all morning, Jesus had fielded questions like a superhero.
 - Where did Jesus take His break?
 - He sat opposite the treasury...He went opposite of the place of giving...God wanted Jesus to watch people give.
 - What about your giving today? Would it refresh Jesus or depress Jesus?
 - Could your worship through giving encourage a physically weary Lord?
- Mark 12:42-44
 - He saw how people put money into the treasury...He is either Lord of all or He's not Lord at all.
 - Many who were rich put in much. The giving boxes were a type of metal that made loud noises when lots was given...people who made lots of noise gave lots and were impressive...BUT...One poor widow came and threw in 2 mites, barely enough to survive a single day...her contribution made no sound.
 - When she put it in, it barely made a rattle, but it registered in Heaven...The point is, God looks at the heart.
 - In the natural, it didn't make any noise. But in the supernatural, lights flashed, bells sang, but only Jesus hears the sound your giving makes.
 - You marvel at big worshippers, but you're missing the greatest worshipper.
 - It was not the amount God looked at but the proportion and the heart that God looked at.

- Her worship cost her something, it wasn't just lip service. She realized after she gave, she might go hungry the rest of the day. But she was placing her full reliance on God that, after she gave, He would supply all her needs.