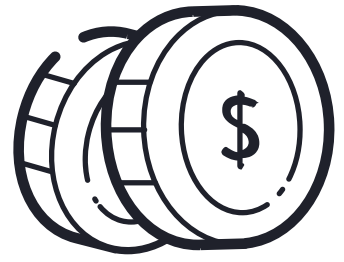


# THE LITTLE THINGS



## A WIDOW AND HER OFFERING

JUNE 24 AND 28, 2020

As Jesus watched people bring forward their offerings in the temple, He pointed out a shocking contrast. While many people made a show of their extravagant gifts and offerings, it was a quiet and unassuming poor widow who made the biggest offering of all. Join us for part four of The Little Things where we discover the truth about the little money we have.

### PASSAGE (READ):

Luke 20:45 - 21:4

### PRINCIPLE (KNOW):

- Your "little bit" of money is a \_\_\_\_\_ .
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### PRACTICE (DO):

- Practice prioritized, percentage-based, progressive giving.
  - Be generous FIRST - **prioritize** your giving.
  - Base your giving on a **percentage** of your income.
  - **Progressively** increase the percentage of the money you give away.
- Check out one of the resources listed below to go deeper on the subject of stewardship
- Participate in the #LittleThings Challenge! Help us share the love of Jesus by performing 4,952 (number of COVID cases in NE Florida as of 6/22/2020) "little" acts of love by July 12.

### DAILY READINGS:

Identify the "little" thing in each daily reading that resulted in a BIG change. Was it good or bad? Ask God to help you apply the passage and its principle to your life.

- Day 1: Luke 20
- Day 2: Luke 21
- Day 3: Matthew 25
- Day 4: 2 Corinthians 8
- Day 5: 1 Timothy 6
- Day 6: James 2
- Day 7: James 4 and 5

### SERMON SERIES ON SSBC.ORG

- Generous City (2011)
- In God We Trust (2013)

# RIGHTNOW MEDIA (VISIT [SSBC.ORG/FAMILY-RESOURCES](http://SSBC.ORG/FAMILY-RESOURCES)):

*Navigating Your Finances God's Way*, by Howard Dayton

*Life, Money, and Legacy*, by Dave Ramsey

## BOOKS

*The Hole in Our Gospel*, by Richard Stearns

*Passing the Plate*, by Christian Smith and Michael Emerson

*The Great Evangelical Recession*, by John Dickerson

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

### HANGOUT (WARMING UP TO THE TOPIC):

1. Do you have any lingering questions or thoughts related to this week's teaching or daily readings?
2. How do you define "rich"? How much money would it take to make you feel rich?

### HEAR (LISTENING TO GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE):

3. Read Acts 11:27-30.
  - Why would God reveal an impending famine to His church?
  - What did the church in Antioch do with this information? Does this remind you of an Old Testament story? What does the church in Antioch's response tell you about this church?
  - Relate the situations in Acts 11 to our church and the current situation. What do you believe God is telling His church?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4.
  - What was Paul's stewardship plan for the church at Corinth?
  - Why do you think he didn't want there to be a collection when he arrived?
  - Where was the money going and why? (*verse 3 and Acts 11:27-30*)
5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15.
  - Paul offers a positive example of another church's generosity. What stands out to you about his description of that congregation and why?
  - Based on what Paul says, what are the differences between the church in Macedonia and the church at Corinth? How does this relate to the story of the widow and her offering? (*Luke 20:25 - 21:4*)
  - In this week's sermon, Pastor Gary encouraged us to practice prioritized, percentage-based, progressive giving. What does that mean to you?
  - What can our church do to better reflect God's generosity? What "little thing" can you do to better reflect the generosity of God?

### HUDDLE (MAKING IT PERSONAL AND PRAYING TOGETHER - IN HUDDLES):

6. What is your first priority each time you get paid? What percentage of your income do you spend on yourself? Is your financial support of Kingdom work a bigger or smaller percentage of your budget now than it was last year, five years ago, ten years ago? Talk about it, invite accountability, and take time to pray.

# FAMILY MATTERS



## CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY . . .

. . . to Bruce Barber and family in the passing of his mother, Dora Frances Barber, on June 21, in Jacksonville.

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