

Blessed to Become a Blessing

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Tabletalk *(For family devotions and Life Group discussions)*

Introduction:

1. The illness of ingratitude (Luke 17:11-19)
2. The illustration of gratitude (Mark 12:41-44)

A. JESUS EXAMINES OUR GIVING (v. 41-44)

1. How did Jesus examine:
 - * He examined the givers (v. 41, 42)
 - * He examined the gifts (v. 41-42)
2. The four kinds of givers
 - * The Tithing Giver
 - * The Timely Giver
 - * The Talented Giver
 - * The Total Giver

B. JESUS DOES NOT EXCUSE US FROM GIVING (v. 42-43)

1. Jesus did not excuse the woman from giving despite her status
2. Jesus did not excuse the woman from giving despite her situation

C. JESUS EXALTS US WHEN WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HIM THROUGH GIVING (v. 43)

1. Practice firstfruits giving (Deuteronomy 26:1-2)
2. Practice Spirit-led giving (2 Corinthians 8:1-9)
3. Practice sacrificial giving (Philippians 2:5-11)

CONCLUSION:

The Gratitude Project

1. Read Luke 17:11-19 regarding the Healing of the Ten Lepers. In verse 14, the scripture says the lepers were already cleansed. In verse 19, why did Jesus had to say again, “Your faith has made you well” to the lone leper who came back to thank Jesus? Why is gratitude important?
2. In Mark 12:41-42, the passage says, Jesus was watching the crowd giving their offerings to the temple treasury. In the original language watching means Jesus was paying close attention to the gifts and givers. Finances are deeply personal, but in what way does this passage reveal God’s concern regarding the gifts and the givers?
3. In the passage, Mark described the woman as poor and a widow. How do we understand this cultural and social description in Jesus’ time and what is the contemporary equivalent of this description? Why did Jesus not excuse her from giving despite her poverty and lack of resources?
4. In verse 44, the passage says, “the widow gave out of her poverty and put in everything—all she had to live on.” This is the epitome of Christian giving. There are other expressions of giving according to these passages, which ones are you practicing, and which ones will you pursue in applying.
 - Firstfruits giving (Deuteronomy 26:1-2)
 - Spirit-led giving (2 Corinthians 8:1-9)
 - Sacrificial giving (Philippians 2:5-11)
5. As a family, Life Group and member of Charisma Life Church, go over The Gratitude Project for the week and share your how your personal/group projects is impacting you and affect others around you.