

An Empty Pocketbook

Mark 12:41-44

Have you ever heard the word humble? Do you know what it means? It isn't hard to understand. A humble person doesn't brag and talk about how good he is or how much he can do. He does his good works quietly and sincerely.

There was a woman who was a widow, for her husband was dead. She lived alone and had very little money to live on. But she loved Jesus so much that she always saved out enough to bring to the Temple to help in the Lord's work.

One day she put on her better clothes and walked to the Temple. In her hand she held two mites. The coins were worth less than one penny in our money. You know that isn't much, but it was all she had to bring.

When she came to the Temple, other people were dropping coins into the box. One man was especially rich. He walked up to the box with a large bag of coins and poured in the whole bag of money. With a satisfied look he walked away.

The widow knew that she had very little to give. She hurried up to the box and dropped her two small coins in. She wished she had more to give.

Jesus saw both of these people, the rich and the poor. He told his friends that the widow had given far more than anyone.

Surprised, Jesus' friends said, "Wait a minute. How can that be? The rich man gave a whole bag full."

"You're wrong," Jesus answered. "The rich man has more money at home. He won't even miss the one he gave. But the widow doesn't have even one penny left. You see she gave everything she had.

Bible Verse to Learn

Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me... (Psalm 27:11).