

Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark
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Parallel versions in Mt.

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How does God measure the size of our gift? What is his standard?

1. For Exemplary Giving
2. For Generous Giving
3. For Willing Giving
4. For Voluntary, Resolute Giving

Jesus summons his disciples in order to teach them that the widow's donation is the exemplary pattern and the faithful model for kingdom giving. As we have been instructed many times, our giving is an demonstration of our faith(fulness) and the evidence of true discipleship.

C. IT IS SHOWN IN THE SUPREME CHARACTERISTIC OF GIVING

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1. We Are to Give Sacrificially
2. We Are to Give Totally

That is, all that we are able to give. Here is the fulfillment of Mk 8:34, 35, the cost of discipleship. She prepares us for and points to Calvary's cross on which our Lord will give all that he has in all that he is all of his life – for those who put their trust in him. The disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. You can't beat God giving!