

## Mark 12:41-44 Giving from the heart

### 1. Still in the courts, **the temple treasury:**

1. 13 brass receptacles (called "Shophar chests" "Trumpets") inscriptions on each one.
2. His interest is in the giver not the gift. Giving is an expression of worship

### 2. Two verses from the "Sermon on the Mount"

1. [Mat 6:21 KJV] **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**
2. [Mat 6:1 KJV] Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

1. Message *"be especially careful when you are trying to be good so that you don't make a performance."*

### 3. "Poor"

1. Luke 21:2 poor = husterema = deficiency.
2. Mark 12:42 poor = ptochos = *reduced to begging, destitute of wealth, influence, position, honour, lacking in anything.*

### 4. [2Co 9:5-7 NKJV] **Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which [you had] previously promised, that it may be ready as [a matter of] generosity and not as a grudging obligation. (not as something extorted or wrung out of you)** Amplified Bible.

1. [2Co 9:6-7 NKJV] **But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.**
2. [2Sa 24:24 NKJV] 24 Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy [it] from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

### 1. *"I don't have much to give..." (we have plenty to give)*

1. God wants one thing — your heart,
  1. I recognize when I don't have the finances to give, I can also give with energy and time.

12.[Jhn 3:16 NKJV] 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1.[Rom 8:32 NKJV] 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?