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The Pursuit of Generosity

"What does a Generous Giver Look Like?"

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Introduction: The poor widow put in "*two mites*". A mite was a small copper coin, which was the smallest coin minted in Judea. One mite, was worth 1/128 of a denarius. A denarius was the amount a day laborer earned for one day of work. By giving away both coins the widow gave away all she had.

Martin Luther spoke of three conversions. The mind, the heart, and the wallet. He said, "*The last thing to be converted was a man's wallet!*"

1. Being a <u>generous</u> giver is not about the <u>money</u>!

"Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." -Luke 21:3

2. Your <u>attitude</u> about giving says <u>everything</u>!

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -2 Corinthians 9:7

3. As you give generously, God will <u>increase</u> your <u>capacity</u> to give more!

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all of your crops; then your barns will be overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine. -Proverbs 3:9-10

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

-2 Corinthians 9:10

4. When God's grace <u>changes</u> your heart, you <u>become</u> generous toward others, and this will <u>result</u> in thanksgiving to God.

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God! -2 Corinthians 9:11

Questions for Reflection?

1. Do you need an "attitude adjustment" when it comes to giving?
2. Where do you need to be a more "generous giver"?
3. How can the promises Paul gives to the Corinthians, and the example of the poor widow inspire you to be a more generous giver?

God doesn't need your money, but he wants your heart.