



## CONDEMNABLE SCRIBES, **COMMENDABLE WIDOW** — Luke 20:45-21:4 —



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And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

- vv 45-47





Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

- vv 1-4





"The Bible does not tell us why the woman did this, but I think we know what she believed about God — what she had to believe about God to do this. She had to believe that God was glorious, because she was giving him all her earthly treasure. She had to believe that God was gracious, because she was responding with the kind of costly generosity that only grace compels. She had to believe that God was provident, because once she had nothing left to live on, she would have to depend on him for absolutely everything. To her everlasting credit, here was a woman who offered God unconditional faith, undying gratitude, and unrestrained praise.





Jesus said, 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' By that standard, when this woman gave her two little coins she was really putting her heart into that box, offering her whole self to God. How different she was from the scribes! They were all about what was on the outside, but she was living for God on the inside, so what came out of her was really there. This is what God wants from us: not just our money, but ourselves, from the inside all the way out."

- Philip Ryken





He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.



## Luke 1:51-53



"Can you not see that everything that man boasts in, his intellect, his understanding, his power, his social status, his influence, his righteousness, his morality, his ethics, his code — every one of them is utterly demolished by this Son of God?"

Martin Lloyd-Jones





"Luke's story is famous for its broad sympathy with the marginalized and the disadvantaged — the poor and the sick, the harassed and the demon-possessed, widows and bereaved parents, women and children, the social underworld of tax collectors and sinners, the Gentiles and even the Samaritans. To all, in their different needs, salvation and wholeness came through the ministry of Jesus, who came to proclaim 'good news to the poor', and Luke took delight in using their stories to illustrate the revolutionary ideals of the Magnificat, the dawning kingdom of God, in which the last will be first and the first last."

– R.T. France

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There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

— Romans 8:1



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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



2 Corinthians 8:9





