

Paying the Tab

“ How to Fulfill Your Financial Responsibility at PCC ”

1. Don't Excuse Yourself From Giving vv. 41-43

2. Practice Devotional Giving v. 44



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- a) Read Mark 12:41-43. How much money did the widow put in the offering compared to others?
- b) How could she have made excuses to give? What did Jesus say about her offering? How does Point #1 relate?
- c) What does this highlight about every PCCer's financial responsibility? How do you need to step into Point #1?

Point #2

- a) Read Mark 12:43-44. What percentage of income did the widow give to the temple? What did this reflect?
- b) In what way does this reflect the truth of Point #2? Why will this always be a challenge living in Orange County?
- c) What has been your experience with giving to a church? How can you apply Point #2 at PCC?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Mark 12:41, Leviticus 27:30-34, Numbers 18:21-24, Proverbs 3:9, Hebrews 7:5

- In what way were the Old Testament Jews required to give to the Lord? (i.e., "tithe")
- How did the "tithe" apply to all sources of income? How did this prevent spiritual loophole giving?
- How does your approach to giving compare? Ask God to reveal any spiritual loopholes you may be using.

TUESDAY // Read Mark 12:41-43, Luke 11:42, 2 Corinthians 9:11-15

- Based on the OT tithing mandate (i.e., 10%), what can be assumed about the people giving "large amounts"?
- How does that contrast to the widow's percentage? What does this imply about excluding yourself to give?
- How does this challenge your current approach to giving at PCC? What steps will you take to participate?

WEDNESDAY // Read Mark 12:43-44, Matthew 6:24, Colossians 3:17

- How much money did the widow give to God? (i.e., the temple) How valuable was her gift?
- Why did Jesus say it was a valuable gift? What did it reflect in the widow's heart? Be specific.
- In what way will giving financially to God reveal your devotion to Him? How is God speaking to you?

THURSDAY // Read Mark 12:43-44, Proverbs 3:9-10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-9, Matthew 6:25-33

- Explain the "reap and sow" principle when it comes to giving to God. How does this relate to the widow?
- When the average Christian gives 3% of their income to God, what does this reveal? What about you?
- In what way should giving to PCC be an act of worship and faith? How does God want you to give by faith?

FRIDAY // Read Mark 12:41-43, Luke 18:18-27, 1 Timothy 6:6-10, Ecclesiastes 5:10, Matthew 6:24

- In what way was Jesus testing the values and motives of the young ruler in Luke 18? What was the result?
- How does our approach to money become a value statement? Why is this spiritually risky if left unchecked?
- How does money tempt you? What does your spending reveal? How can you be more intentional to give?

SATURDAY // Read Mark 12:41-43

- As you read this week's passage, what strikes you as both challenging and encouraging? Be specific.
- Why will this topic always be a challenging one living in Orange County? Give an example.
- What has been your experience with giving to a church? How can you take new steps of faith this week?

MEDITATION VERSE: ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. **Mark 12:42-43**