



SHE OUT OF HER POVERTY HAS PUT IN EVERYTHING SHE HAD

MARK 12:38-44

Jesus' authority is recognized by His teaching, The scribal authority is recognized by their clothing;

MARK 1:22

²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for *he taught them as one who had authority*, and not as the scribes.

Jesus' teaching regarding expressions of deference to a religious authority;

MATTHEW 23:9

⁹ *And call no man your father on earth*, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

Scripture is always clear and harsh on the human craving for respect and recognition from people;

PROVERBS 29:25

²⁵ *The fear of man lays a snare*, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.

ISAIAH 51:12

¹² "I, I am he who comforts you; *who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass.*

The Kingdom of Christ requires the opposite attitudes;

MARK 9:35

³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

MARK 10:31

³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

MARK 10:43-44

⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

LUKE 14:8

⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him..."

The widow (together with the orphan): the Old Testament's preeminent picture of the helpless one deserving of special care;

EXODUS 22:22-24

²² You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. ²³ If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, ²⁴ and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

JAMES 1:27

²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: *to visit orphans and widows in their affliction*, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Scripture's condemnation of lengthy and showy prayers;

MATTHEW 6:7

⁷ *"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.*

ISAIAH 1:15

¹⁵ *When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.*

The greater the knowledge of God's truth, the greater the condemnation for disobedience;

JAMES 3:1

¹ *Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.*

A picture of the Day of Judgment;

JOHN 5:22-23, 26-27

²² *For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him...²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.*

Contributions meant to draw attention;

MATTHEW 6:2

² *"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.*

Jesus knows what we give, and don't give;

"We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations."

—Disciples Fellowship Members Covenant

The widow: a model of faith or foolishness?;

God's measure of an offering: What does it cost?;

2 SAMUEL 24:24

²⁴ *But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.*

MATTHEW 13:45-46

⁴⁵ *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

Sacrifice is the currency of genuine offerings to the Lord

God's measure of an offering: Does it require faith?;

HEBREWS 11:6

⁶ *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

MALACHI 3:10

¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. *And thereby put me to the test*, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Faith is the resource from which genuine offerings are made

Does God need my money?;

PHILIPPIANS 4:15–17

¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ *Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.*

The widow: the final picture of a true disciple;

MARK 1:17

¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

MARK 8:35

³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.

MARK 10:28

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.”

The widow’s offering: pointing ahead to the cross of Christ;

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

⁹ 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.