



Near the end of the Gospel of Luke, we come across a story of generosity, a story of a widow who trusts God so deeply that she is willing to give every last penny she has to Him. Many people read this story and criticize the woman's actions, but she teaches us about leaving a scarcity mindset and embracing a mindset of generosity. This story follows a warning from Jesus about religious leaders. Jesus cautioned His disciples to be wary of leaders who put on a show with flashy clothes, act self-important, take advantage of the poor, and are insincere in their faith. Talk through these questions and think more about living a generous lifestyle.

1. In the beginning of the sermon, Pastor Neal shared about a large check his church in Las Vegas gave to the missionaries in Burkina Faso. Share about a time in your life when you experienced the generosity of God.
2. Read Luke 21:1-4. The widow in this story gave away all she had to live on. The Bible teaches us about giving not to be seen (read Matthew 6:1-4). What can we learn from these passages about generous and discreet giving?
3. Thinking about the widow who gave all she had to live on, do you agree or disagree with her decision? What does this widow teach us about a generous mindset versus a scarcity mindset and trusting God with our finances?
4. The generosity of the disciples and the early church changed the world. Read Acts 4:32-37, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, and 1 Timothy 6:18-19. How can we continue this legacy of being generous to show the love of Jesus to others?
5. Read Luke 20:45-47. The actions of the religious leaders provide a stark contrast to the actions of the widow. How can we be a group of people who humbly serve others without seeking attention for our actions?
6. We are a church that cares for others and is generous. Read Matthew 6:19-24, James 2:15-16, and 1 John 3:17. Where do you want to grow in being generous, and what needs to change in your life to accomplish that goal?
7. Read Luke 12:13-21. The man in the story has a problem with greed and is unwilling to share what God has so generously given to him. Thinking about your life, do you tend to be more generous or more greedy? What do you want to change in your life to be more generous to others?
8. Pray for strength to manage your finances in light of God's word.