

The Two-Penny Widow

Lk 20:45-21:4 (Mk 12:38-44); Mat 6:1-8

- I. **THE SCRIBE** (Lk 20:46-47)
 - A. **Seeking Attention** (1 Sam 16:7)—from men (not God)
 - B. **Enjoying Respect** (Jn 5:44; James 2:1-4)—expect partiality
 - C. **Exploiting Position** (Lk 20:47)—
 1. Greedy
 2. Abusive (take advantage of the vulnerable)
 - D. **Pretending Righteousness** (Lk 20:47)—
 1. Pretentious Prayers (Mat 6:5-7)
 2. Ostentatious Offerings (Mat 6:2-4)

- II. **THE WIDOW** (Lk 21:1-4)
 - A. **Overlooked** (Isa 53:2)—*not worthy of notice*
 - B. **Undervalued** (Isa 53:3)—*she is very poor; not a threat to avoid or a benefactor to ingratiate*
 - C. **Easily Exploited** (Mk 7:11-12)—*lacks legal representative to defend her*

D. **Generous and Sincere**—*gives out of her poverty, without seeking attention or expecting accolades*

III. **THE LORD**

A. **THE ONE WHO WATCHES** (Gen 16:13; 29:32)—Jesus the People-Watcher; *“The God Who Sees Me”*

1. **He watches people.** Active Interest in People
 - a. **Divine Omniscience is not distant or disinterested.**
 - b. **Jesus doesn’t just *know things*; He *watches people!***
2. **He notices widows.** (Deut 10:18; Ps 68:5; Isa 1:17; Js 1:27)
 - a. **Jesus notices people that no one else pays attention to.**
 - b. **Jesus values people that others think are insignificant.**
3. **He observes worship.** (Rev 1:10-11)

B. **THE ONE WHO COUNTS** (Lk 20:47; 21:3-4; 2 Cor 8:12)—The worth of the gift (Ps 50:9-12)

1. **He knows the Situation.** (21:4)—*considers what you have, not what you don’t have*
2. **He knows the Motivation.** (Jn 4:23-24; 2 Cor 9:7; —the sincerity of worship)
3. **He is the Judge.** (Lk 20:47b; Mat 6:2, 5)—what pleases God