



THE WIDOW'S GIFT

The Temple in Jerusalem where people gathered to pray was the holiest place for the Israelites. Jesus, often went there with His disciples, to teach and to heal people.

One day, when Jesus was in the Temple, He began to talk to the people about hypocrites. He cautioned them to stay away from people who stay in the houses of widows and the poor, and intentionally pray for long hours to impress people and be praised. Jesus said that God will condemn those hypocrites.

When Jesus ended His speech, He came out of the Temple and stood in front of the treasury, watching how people were putting money into the treasury, as was the custom. Many of them who were very rich offered large amounts, and walked away happy and proud. Then came a poor widow. Approaching the treasury, she threw in two cents and walked away.

Seeing what the widow had done, Jesus called His disciples and said: **“Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all the others, for they all put in out of their abundance, whereas she, despite her poverty, put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”**

This story about the widow is a very meaningful lesson taught by Jesus Christ himself. It is more acceptable to God that a person designates a significant of his/her wealth to God than to give a portion that is extra and not needed much. If we want to please God too, we should love Him with all our heart, soul and mind and devote to Him all our life and deeds.

God does not need our valuable gifts. We please God with our sincere prayers faith and good deeds.

QUESTIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 1) Where did Jesus teach?
- 2) What did Jesus say about hypocrites?
- 3) What did Jesus see while coming out of the Temple?
- 4) Who gave more – the rich or the widow?
- 5) What lesson do we learn from this story?
- 6) What do we need to do to please God?
- 7) How important is it to help people and why?

TO LEARN BY HEART,

O treasure of mercy, let me
Find your hidden treasure.
Open Your merciful door to your believer
And accept me with the heavenly beings.