



Week 3, Day 4:

Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”

Matthew 22:37-38

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, ‘I tell you the truth; this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.’

Luke 12:41-44

The rich people’s offerings probably didn’t require much sacrifice. The widow’s offering was one of great sacrifice. She had two coins and she gave two coins.

The proportion of her giving has always seemed the story’s point; we can definitely learn a lesson in generous giving from this woman. More hidden perhaps is an even harder lesson to learn. This woman was so poor that anything she gave would have been a sacrificial offering, but what did she give? She gave all she had. Those two coins represented her heart, her soul, and her mind. She totally trusted God with her present and future.

Jesus reminds us to, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” (Matthew 22:37-38). He wants us to commit everything we have to Him. Jesus desires and delights in total surrender.

REFLECT:

1. Are you ready to give what He asks?
2. Are you willing to use your time in the way He asks?

3. Are you focusing on Him or yourself?
4. Is there something you are holding back from Him, or is everything His?

TAKE ACTION:

Talk with someone in your Ridge Group to help hold you accountable to the steps you feel God is challenging you to take in this area of your life.