

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 46

An Attitude of Giving

Luke 20:20-26;
21:1-4

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Younger Verse

Since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to Him. Romans 12:1

Older Verse

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

In our last lesson, we learned that Jesus was not happy with people buying and selling things in the Temple, God's house. He said that God's house is to be a place of prayer. Then He taught about all that would happen when He returned. Some of the things He said made the religious leaders angry. So once again, they came up with a question for Jesus to try and get Him to say something wrong.

This time, the leaders secretly sent men who appeared to be honest to try and trick Jesus. They wanted to get Jesus arrested by the Romans. So they had the men ask Jesus a question. They said, "Teacher, we know that what you say and teach is true. You always teach the truth about God's ways. Tell us, is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Caesar was the Roman Emperor, which was like a king. If Jesus answered that they should not pay taxes, the Romans would arrest Him for speaking against Caesar. But if Jesus said that they *should* pay taxes, then He would be supporting the ungodly ways of the Roman government.

But Jesus knew what these people were doing. He asked them to see a Roman coin. When they got one, He asked whose picture was on the coin. The people answered that it was Caesar's. Then Jesus said, "Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and give to God the things that are God's. So the spies were not able to get Jesus in trouble.

Jesus continued to be questioned by different religious leaders trying to trick Him into saying something wrong. Each time, Jesus would amaze them with His answers.

One day when Jesus was in the Temple, He saw some rich people putting their gifts to God in the offering box. Then He saw a poor widow putting two small coins into the box. And He said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow gave more than all those rich people. They gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor, but she gave all she had to live on."

Lesson Goals

Learn what Jesus taught about the attitude of giving
Understand that God looks at our heart when we give
Recognize that we can give God our all by following Him

Wow! This woman was so in love with God that she gave Him all she had. The rich people just gave what was easy for them to give. But the woman gave even what was hard to give because of her love for God. It was not the amount, but the attitude behind it.

God gave everything He had for us when He sent Jesus to earth to die for our sins. He didn't have to do that for us. He did it because He loves us that much. Have you accepted Jesus into your life? He wants to come into your heart and forgive your sins and give you a new life. He can help you to have the right attitude about giving and serving.

We should be like the poor woman and give God everything we have—our life. We do this by accepting Christ, following and obeying God, and sharing His love with others. That is how we offer our lives as a living sacrifice for God.

Review Questions

1. What did the spies ask Jesus? (If it was right to pay taxes to the Roman government.)
2. How did Jesus answer them? (He said, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and give to God the things that are God's.")
3. How much money did the poor widow put in the offering box? (Two small coins—all she had.)
4. How can we give God our all like the poor woman? (Accepting Christ, following and obeying God, and sharing His love with others.)

Life Application

Jesus saw the heart of the poor widow. He knew that it was not about the amount of money, but the attitude of the heart. The woman showed God how much she loved Him by giving Him all she had.

How can we give God all we have? It doesn't need to be about money at all. We can give God our time by going to Bible Study, spending time in prayer, and reading the Bible. We can help someone and show them the love of Jesus. We can obey God even when we don't feel like it.

Can we ever out give God? No! God made everything, so everything belongs to Him anyway! He wants us to have hearts that are willing to share and give. He knows that we will be more happy when we give than when we are selfish.

Planning for Lesson 47
Jesus' Final Words
Luke 24:36-53

Preschool Lesson for An Attitude of Giving

Some men went up to Jesus and asked Him a question. They were sent by the religious leaders to trick Jesus into saying something wrong. First, they told Jesus that they knew He was a good, honest man who followed God. Then the men asked Jesus if they should have to give money to the king. Jesus told them to show Him a coin. When they brought Him a coin, He asked them, “Whose face and name are on the coin?”

The men looked at the coin and answered, “The king.” Jesus responded that they should give to the king what belongs to him, and give to God what belongs to God.

When the men heard this, they were amazed. Jesus did not fall for their trick. They could not believe how wise Jesus was.

Jesus had been teaching and answering many questions while He was in the temple. As He was sitting, He watched all the people. The people were in line to place money inside of a box. Each person had something in their hand. All of them had money. What do you think they were going to do with the money?

They were all waiting to put money in a box. They were giving money back to God. Some people gave a lot of money and made sure everyone saw them put the money in. Jesus was still watching when He saw a poor lady place two small coins in the box.

Jesus then looked at His disciples. He told them, “That lady gave more than all of the other people. She gave all the money she had, but the others still have money left.”

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God gave everything He had for us when He sent Jesus to earth to die for our sins. He didn't have to do that for us. He did it because He loves us that much. Have you asked Jesus to come into your heart? He wants to come in and forgive your sins and give you a new life. He can help you have a giving heart.



**Hands-on Activities
for
An Attitude of Giving**

Sing, “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise.” Discuss what a sacrifice is and how we can sacrifice our lives to God. A sacrifice is giving up something that is precious to you. You may want to use examples of sacrifices in the Old Testament.

Have a coin toss to see who can toss the coin into a bowl. Share how the woman gave all she had to the church.

Glue 2 fake coins on an index card and let the kids write the verse on it. Ask them to take the card home and help them remember to have the same attitude as the woman.

Bring pictures of Old Testament Bible characters who made sacrifices to God. (examples—Cain and Abel—one was pleasing to God; Abraham—willing to sacrifice his son to God)

Bring gift items (e.g. soaps, lotions, candies) and gift bags or other containers. Be creative. Let kids put together little gifts to take to someone they know who could use encouragement. Go together and deliver these if possible. Talk about how good it feels when we have a giving attitude.

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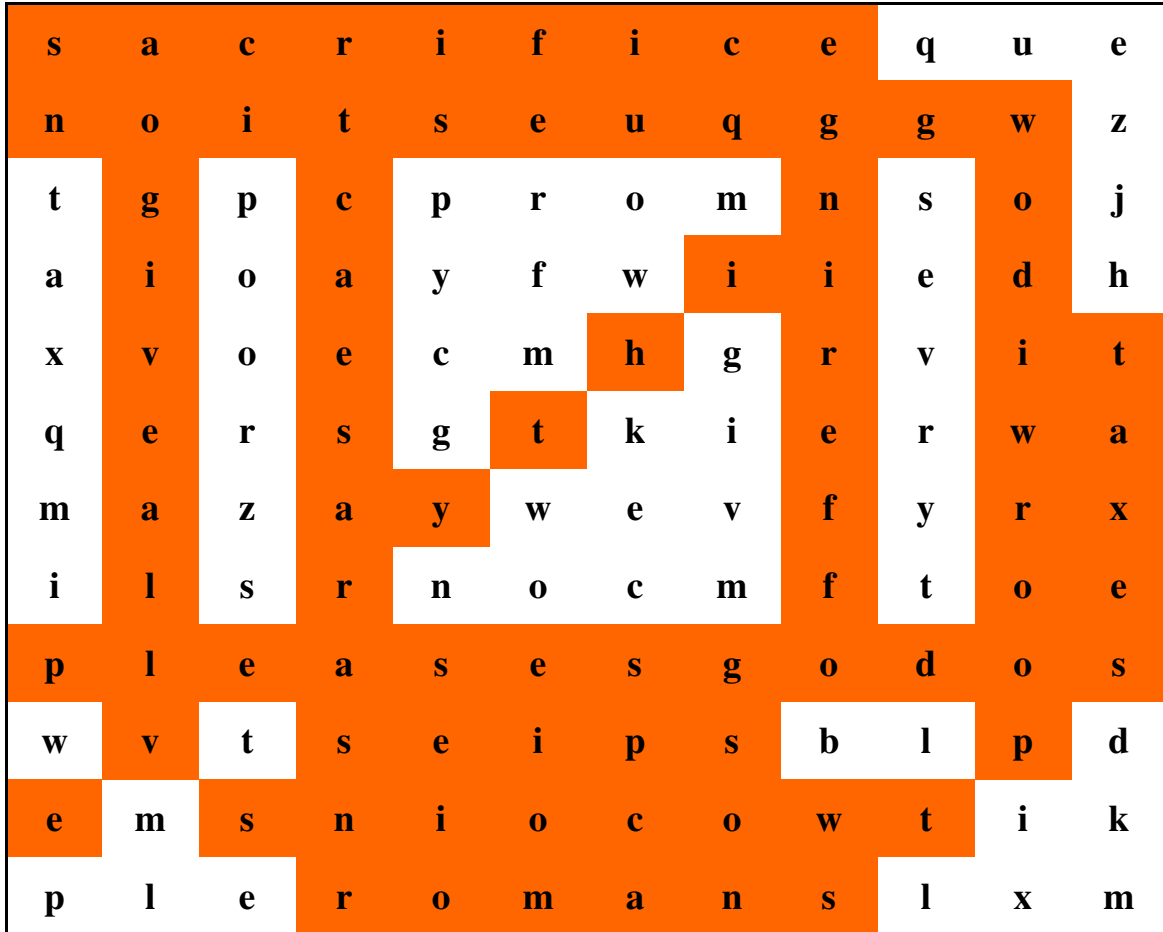
An Attitude of Giving

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