

Stewarding

Luke 21:1-4

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1. What about giving?

- Luke 21:1-4 “The Widow’s Mite”
- Personal observations
 - 1) God can provide for the giver in _____ ways
 - 2) God uses in _____ ways the gift, even if the gift seems insignificant
- Two approaches to giving contrasted
 - 1) Contributing out of “_____”
 - Abundance = “to make to abound”
 - Abundance = “to exceed a fixed number; to be _____.”
 - 2) Contributing _____ (2 Cor. 9:7) & _____
 - It’s a matter of faith _____, _____, and _____.

2. This relates to _____ budgets too!

- Grace Ev. Free (now VBC) viewed personal tithing as:
 - 1) Minimum of _____ of “**first** fruits”
 - 2) To be _____ in advance as a matter of _____

- There is a direct correlation between your _____ to give to God and your ability/ willingness to _____.
- This principle should be followed and _____ in the church's _____ approach to tithing.

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3. What can we expect in this leap of faith?

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 - Abundance = “to exceed a fixed number; to be left over.”
 - 2) Contributing intentionally (2 Cor. 9:7) & sacrificially
 - It’s a matter of faith obedience, stewardship, and spiritual growth.

2. This relates to church budgets too!

- Grace E Free (now VBC) viewed personal tithing as:
 - 1) Minimum of 10% of “first fruits”
 - 2) To be planned in advance as a matter of faith.

- There is a direct correlation between your determination to give to God and your ability/willingness to find other means.
- This principle should be followed and exemplified in the church's collective approach to tithing.

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