



- How much does God require me to give?
- God does not demand a percentage.

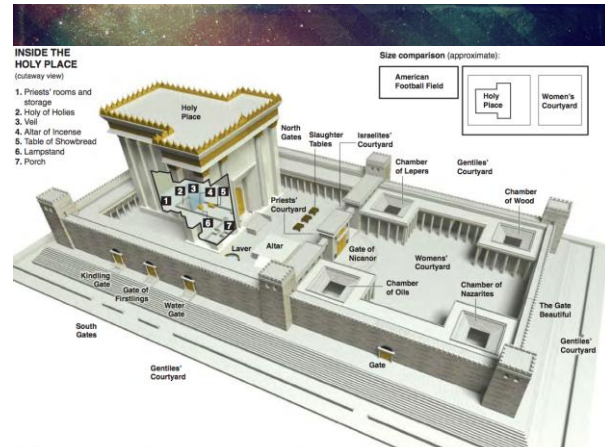
### Proverbs 11:24-25

“There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.”

### Malachi 3:10

- “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.”

An offering that is not based on sacrifice is not an offering that pleases the Lord.



## I. An Observation

- Jesus noticed that many rich people were putting in large sums of money.
- He also noticed a poor widow who put two small copper coins into the treasury.

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- The copper coins that the woman deposited were about 1/64 of a denarius.
- If spirituality were based on an amount given, then this woman would not be spiritual at all.

## II. An Explanation

- Jesus wanted to use this woman as a teachable lesson to the disciples and to us.
- This woman gave more than all the contributors of the treasury that day.

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- The rich and everyone else that passed through the temple treasury that day gave out of their surplus.
- The woman gave all she had to live on.

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- She now had no money and would likely have to fast until she was able to earn more.
- She gave out of her physical poverty.

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- This woman who had nothing physically had everything spiritually!
- "The test of liberality is not what is given, but what is left."

## God requires all of you.

- "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."  
- Romans 12:1

## Can you outgive God?

- NEVER!
- "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."  
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

## Consider...

- Not putting limits on what you think you can give.
- Your faith in God should direct what you offer Him.