

Daily Devotional

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Theme: The Willing Heart

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:12 NIV

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

Thought: Money, Money, Money!!!! We are always being asked for our money. The cost of living is up, gas prices are up, taxes are up and even at church they ask me to give up my money. It seems we can't go any where with out them asking for money. If the minister announces he is going to speak from Luke 12:1-4, we cringe fearing here comes another lesson on giving.

My fear is that we are missing the real lesson of this encounter from the life of Jesus. I believe the lesson Jesus wanted his disciples to gain, and for us to hear, is the willingness of the widow's heart. It matters not to Jesus how much we give of our time, money, and gifts. What matters is our willingness to give of ourselves completely to Him. The widow was willing to give everything and trusted God to care for her. Jesus wants his disciples to have a willingness to surrender ourselves to Him, a willingness to commit to God, and a willingness to trust in God's provision.

What are you willing to give to God?

Prayer: Lord, Help me not to trust in worldly treasures but to place my trust in you. Give me a heart willing to give of whatever is asked of me. Make me a servant in your kingdom. In Christ's Name. Amen.