

November 15, 2014  
Mark 12:41-44

## BLESSED GIVING

### I. Introduction:

### II. Observation:

- a.) Jesus observes our \_\_\_\_\_  
“Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury.” Mark 12:41
- b.) Jesus observes our \_\_\_\_\_  
“Many rich people threw in large amounts. [42] But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Mark 12:41-42
- c.) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ our giving.  
[43] 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. [44] They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything--all she had to live on." Mark 12:43-44

### III. Stewardship Principles

1. Giving is spiritual matter and not a \_\_\_\_\_ one.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; [6] in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

2. Stewardship encompasses our \_\_\_\_\_ towards God.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

3. There are great \_\_\_\_\_ to be received from God when we give.

“The Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. [25] The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped”. Proverbs 11:24-25

#### IV. Application

- Remember God is a Giver:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

- Would you prayerfully consider what you might give to our 2016 Ministry and Operations budget.