

Does Not Come Out of Abundance

Read [2 Corinthians 8: 1-2](#) & [Mark 12:41-44](#)

We can evaluate our giving in many ways: amount, or percentage. But, what matters? When evaluating yourself, what matters to you? Do other people's opinions really even matter? What matters to Christ? As my old class used to say, "It's the state of your heart!" God loves a cheerful giver. God looks at the heart of the giver. The actual number doesn't matter. What matters is that you're giving as He has asked you to give: no more or no less. The widow gave two mites when others gave a larger sum, but the two mites were a sacrifice, not out of abundance. They were all she had! Think of giving in three categories: tithes, offerings, and sacrificial offerings. Tithes are the first 10% of your earnings. Offerings are any amount given over and above the 10%. Sacrificial offerings are giving up something. What has God asked you to sacrifice to Him? These are different for everyone. What the Holy Spirit moves me, you, and the Pastor to give may all be completely different. God speaks to us individually. You may have an abundance or any amount may be a sacrifice for you. What is God asking of you?

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Essential Question:

*Is God looking
at the amount
or at the
sacrifice?*

*Prayer Focus:
Ask God How
much you
should give.*

*Prayers
God Has
Answered*

Reflective Notes

How is God speaking to me?

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