A scene from a religious film depicting Jesus and a widow at a temple treasury. Jesus, with a long white beard and wearing a brown robe and a gold crown, stands behind a large, ornate metal funnel-shaped container. A widow, wearing a grey headscarf and a dark grey robe, is placing a small coin into the funnel. Other men in traditional robes and head coverings are visible in the background. The scene is set in a temple with stone columns.

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## THE CONTEXT



- ✦ Jesus concludes His public ministry with a scathing rebuke of the Jewish leaders because of their hypocrisy - (Mark 12:38–40; Mat 23:1–39; Lk 20:45–47)
- ✦ In stark contrast - Jesus commends a widow's sacrificial giving - (Mark 12:41–44; Luke 21:1–4).



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MARK 12:41-44 (NKJV)

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cf. Luke 21:1-4



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DO WE GIVE TO THE LORD  
HOW & WHAT WE SHOULD?

- ✦ We are stewards of God - our blessings are to be used in service to Him & bearing fruit in the Kingdom - (1 Pet 4:10)
- ✦ The manner, amount, and quality of what we give to the Lord, manifest our love and respect, (honor) for Him, - (Mal 1:6; Prov. 3:9)



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## MALACHI 1:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> “A son honors his father,  
And a servant his master. If  
then I am the Father,  
Where is My honor? And if  
I am a Master, Where is My  
reverence? Says the Lord of  
hosts To you priests who  
despise My name. Yet you  
say, ‘In what way have we  
despised Your name?’



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PROVERBS 3:9 (NKJV)

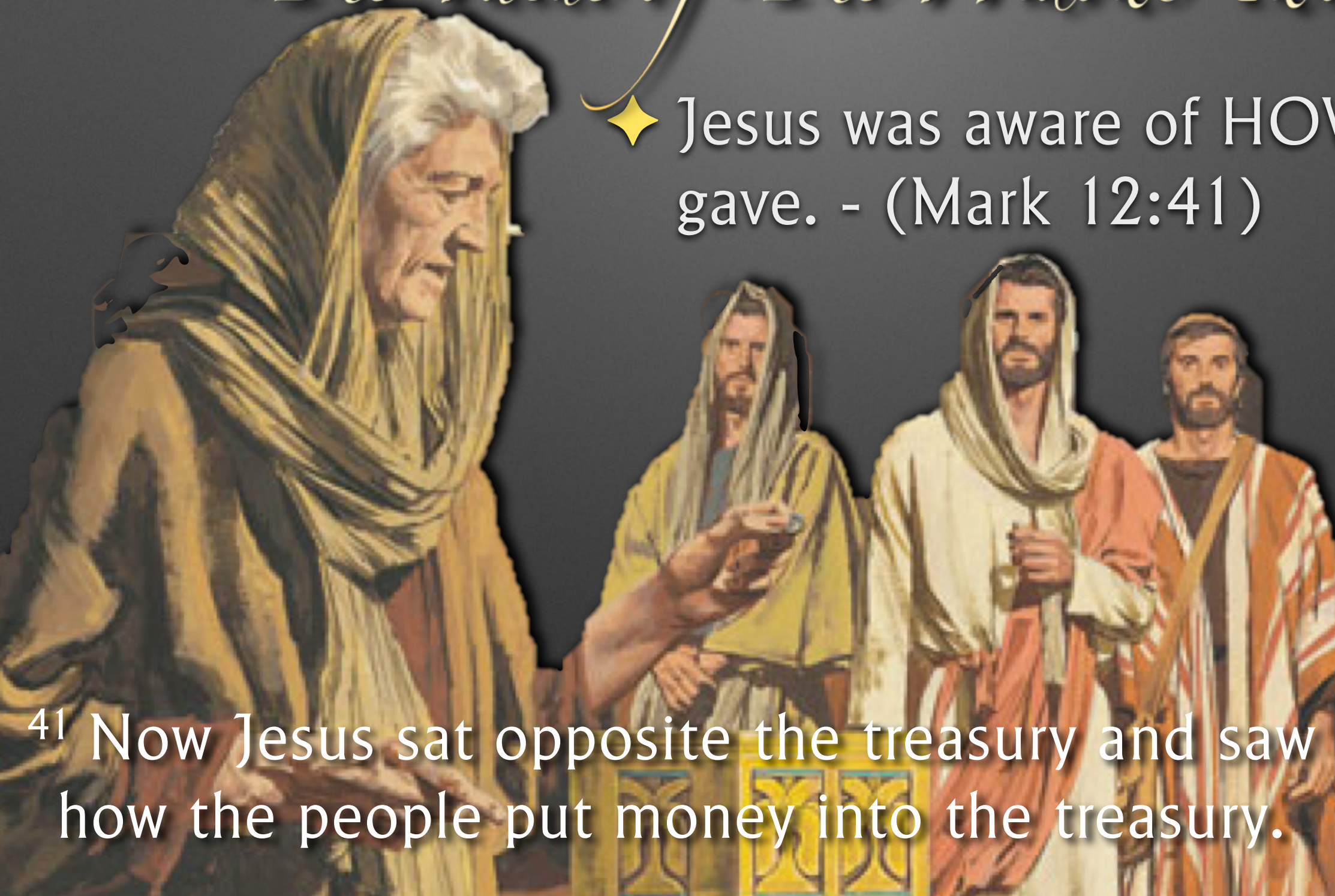
⁹ Honor the Lord  
with your  
possessions, And  
with the  
firstfruits of all  
your increase;



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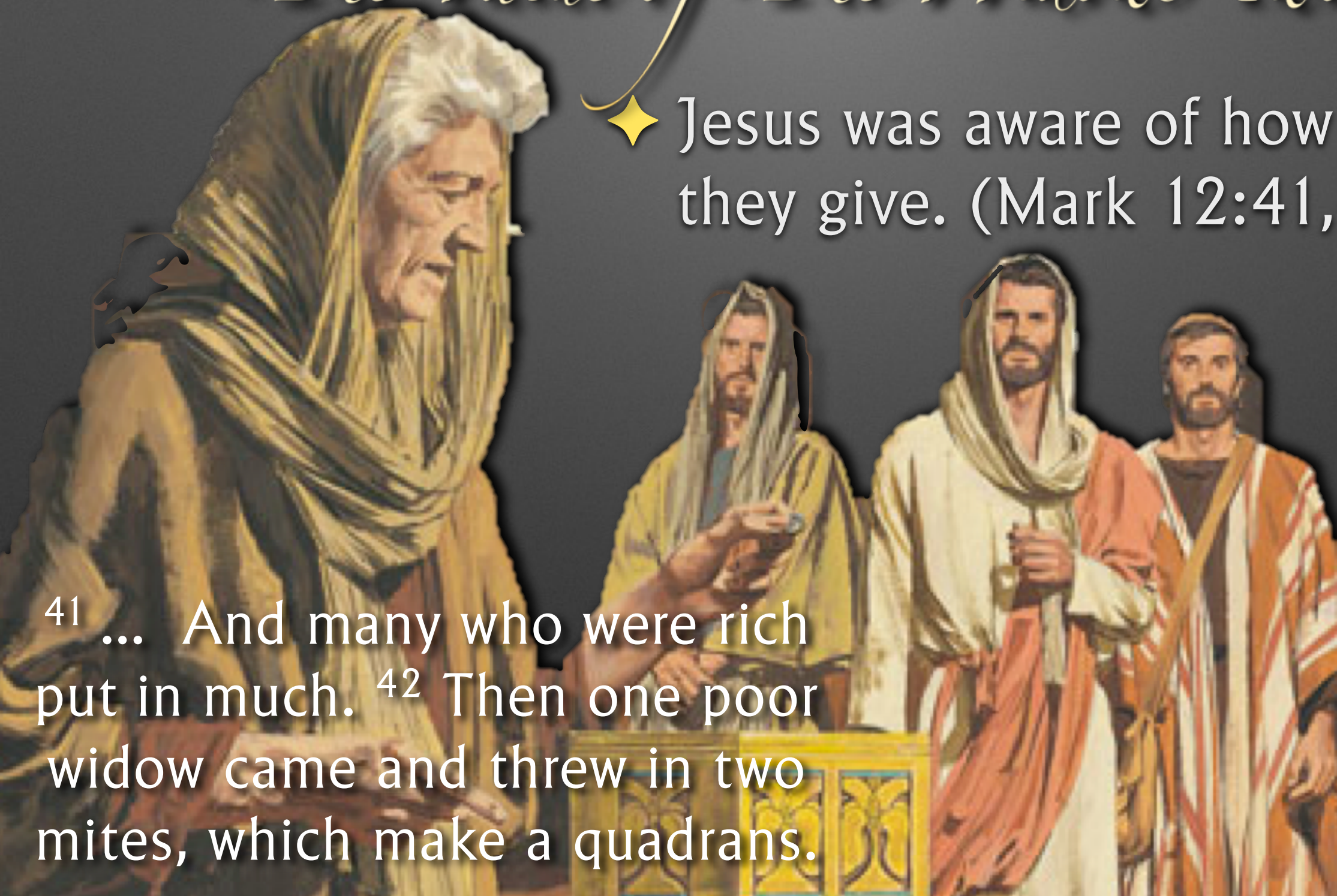


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the one who actually gave the most . .  
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DO WE GIVE TO THE LORD  
HOW & WHAT WE SHOULD?

- ◆ Acceptable giving is not determined by the amount of money given – but the amount of sacrifice involved - (Mark 12:43,44; 2 Cor 8:1-3)
- ◆ In our giving, we either -
  - ✱ Rob God (Mal. 3:8) OR
  - ✱ Lay Up Treasures in Heaven (Matt.6:19-21)



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DO WE GIVE TO THE LORD  
HOW & WHAT WE SHOULD?

- ✦ To ask HOW MUCH do I have to give is to ask the wrong question!
- ✦ The amount we MUST give cannot be determined on a strict "percentage basis." - (Gen 14:20; Deut 14:22,23; 1 Cor 16:1,2; 2 Cor. 9:7; Mat. 15:1-9)
- ✦ How much will those who have fully given themselves to the Lord give back to Him - (2 Cor 8:5)



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DO WE GIVE TO THE LORD  
HOW & WHAT WE SHOULD?

- ◆ ACCORDING TO ABILITY - 2 Co 8:3
- ◆ WILLINGLY - 2 Co 8:12; 9:2
- ◆ ZEALOUSLY - 2 Co 9:2
- ◆ GENEROUSLY - 2 Co 9:5
- ◆ BOUNTIFULLY - 2 Co 9:6
- ◆ A CHEERFUL & PURPOSEFUL HEART  
- 2 Co 9:7



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DO WE GIVE TO THE LORD  
HOW & WHAT WE SHOULD?

- ◆ **NOT** Grudgingly ~ 9:7
- ◆ **NOT** of necessity ~ 9:7

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- ◆ Cheerfully ~ 9:7
- ◆ With Thanksgiving  
~ 9:11
- ◆ Liberally - sharing  
~ 9:13



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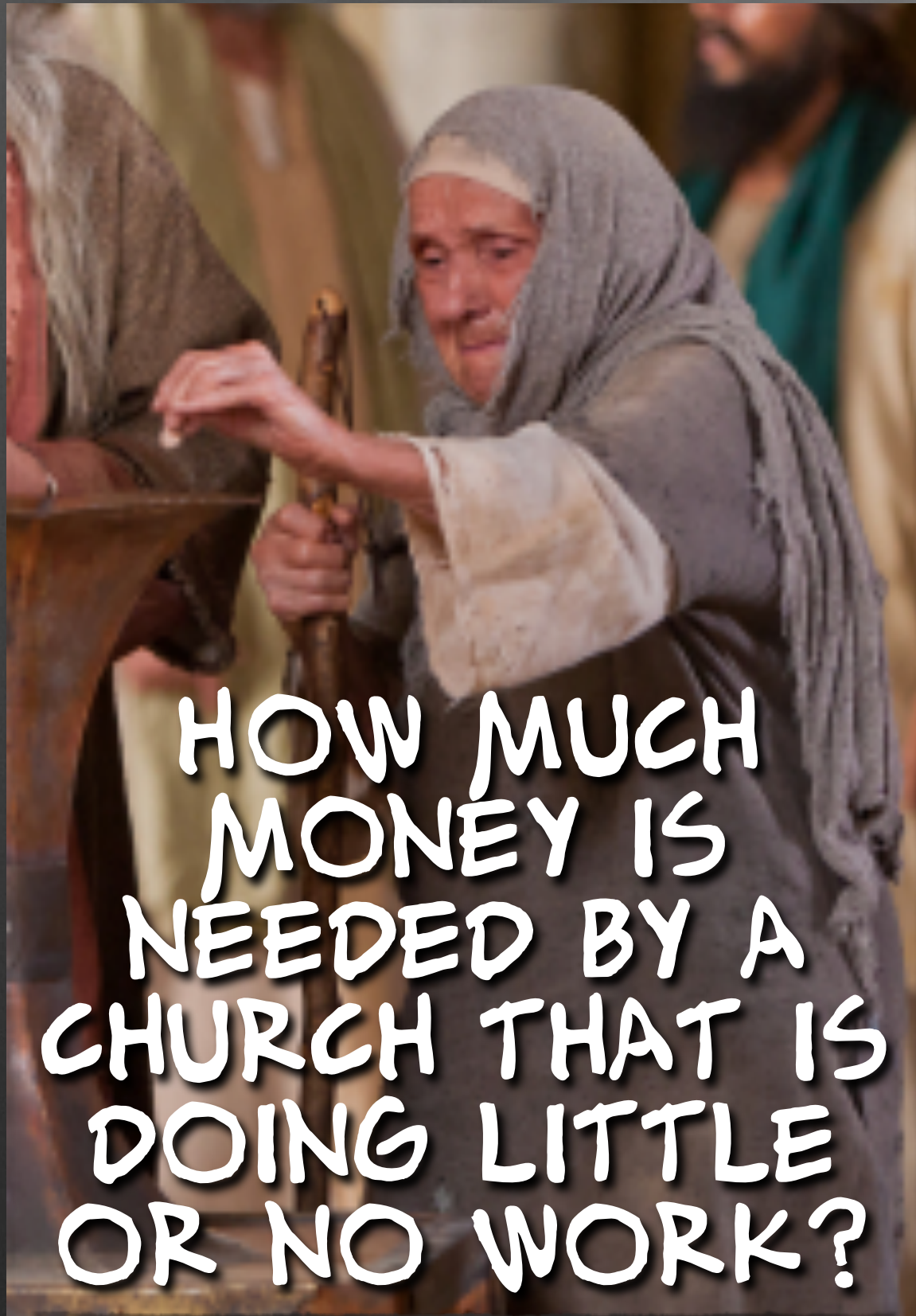


DO WE GIVE TO THE LORD  
HOW & WHAT WE SHOULD?

- ◆ Being good stewards of our possessions not limited to what we put into the collection plate on the first day of the week - (Mat 15:1-9; 1 Tim 5:8,16)
- ◆ However, our collective work depends upon the free will offering of our members - (1 Cor 16:1,2; 14:26; 2 Cor. 8,9; 11:8; Phil. 4:15-19; Acts 4:37; 6:1-7)



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HOW MUCH  
MONEY IS  
NEEDED BY A  
CHURCH THAT IS  
DOING LITTLE  
OR NO WORK?

DO WE GIVE TO THE LORD  
HOW & WHAT WE SHOULD?

✦ **BENEVOLENCE** -

2 Cor 8,9

✦ **EDIFICATION** -

1 Thes 5:11

✦ **EVANGELISM** -

2 Cor 11:8,9;  
Phili 4:10-18



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## FELLOWSHIP OF GIVING PART OF WORSHIP

- ◆ <sup>18</sup> having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. - Philippians 4:18
- ◆ <sup>16</sup> But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. - Hebrews 13:16



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## WE SHOULD GIVE

- ◆ To please God (Heb 13:16)
- ◆ To Be Christ-like  
(2 Corinthians 8:8-12)
- ◆ To have treasure in Heaven  
(Luke 12:33,34)
- ◆ To glorify God  
(2 Corinthians 9:11-13)
- ◆ To set a good example  
(2 Corinthians 8:1,2).



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## WE SHOULD GIVE

- ✦ Without display (Mt. 6:1-4)
- ✦ Because God has appointed that the Church use money in its work (1 Corinthians 16:1,2; Acts 4:34,35; 5:1 ff; 11:29; Romans 15:26,27; 2 Cor 11:8; Phil 4:15,16)
- ✦ Out of zeal for the work of the Lord (Rom. 12:8).



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## OUR GIVING

- ◆ Should Involve SACRIFICE  
- 2 Co 8:9
- ◆ Is a thermometer of our love! - 2 Cor 8:8,24
- ◆ Promotes more blessings  
[Our use of the Material determines our Inheritance of the Spiritual] - 2 Cor 9:6; Acts 20:35



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## OUR GIVING

- ✦ Let Us Train Our Hearts to Regard our material blessings as Tools for God's Service.
- ✦ Jesus takes notice of how & What we give - What did He see in your giving this morning?







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MARK 12:41–44 (NKJV)

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## 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> So let each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.





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<sup>9</sup> As it is written: *“He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”* <sup>10</sup> Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, <sup>11</sup> while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.





## 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, <sup>13</sup> while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, <sup>14</sup> and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

