

# Lent devotions

## READ:

Mark 12:35-44 ([click to open link](#))

## REFLECT:

Does it even matter? At the end of the day, will my hard work...my sacrifice...my donation...will it matter to anyone?

It's a question we have all asked at some point in our lives. Wondering if our contributions – be they big or small – are worth the effort. After all, there are others who can do so much more than us. Others than have more to give. More talent. More education. We think that what we are doing is what matters, but Jesus often spoke differently. When teaching, Jesus often pointed out not what people were doing, but what was on their hearts.

Jesus saw person after person give generously that day. He saw the rich drop large amounts of coins in the offering. Coins that were just a small percentage of what they truly had to offer. But, when he saw the widow give her two coins, he was filled with joy. Why? Because, while what she gave was small compared to the others, her reasons for doing so, her attitude about it, were huge. The woman gave not to impress. She gave not to garner thanks. She gave not to draw attention to herself or her abilities. She did so to honor God. She did so to honor and praise Him.

On this Monday, let us start the day with an attitude similar to the widow's. Let us not focus on what we are doing, but how we are doing it. Let us not measure our success by what we are doing, but how we do it. And let that how be in a way that honors our Father. No matter what it is we are doing.

## RESPOND:

- Think of time when you cared more about what you were doing over how you were doing it.
- How can you remind yourself to focus on how you do things versus what? How can you do things in a manner that honors God, no matter what it is you are doing?
- Pray: "Father, I want to honor you with everything I have. With everything I am. No matter what it is I am doing, I know that it matters to you how I do it, and I want to serve with a devoted to you."