

One Step Behind Jesus: Jesus Sees Your Heart

Luke 21:1-4

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Jesus is the master at flipping an idea or a tradition on its head to communicate a Kingdom-principle.

Jesus takes the weak, the sick, the child, the orphan, the poor, the widow -- and He shows us lessons about what it truly means to live and to love others the way He does.

In Luke 21, Jesus says just a few sentences; but, He's addressing not only two different social classes and the subject of money in these short verses -- but, He's also addressing the human heart.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:21

Jesus sees us.

Luke 21:1

1 Samuel 2:3; Psalm 139:2

Jesus had grabbed her heart.

Luke 21:3-4

Some thoughts to consider:

- ↳ The posture of your heart makes all the difference.
- ↳ Does your giving cost you something?

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditures on comforts, luxuries, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them." ~ C.S. Lewis

**Have you given
all of yourself over
to the One who sees?**

By now you have discovered that all roads do not lead to God, and life is not as simple as you once thought. For those who are at this crossroad, the Bible offers a new direction, one filled with purpose, fulfillment, and acceptance. The steps are simple:

Recognize that you're a sinner.

You must admit your spiritual need. *"There is none righteous, no, not one."* (Romans 3:10). We can't make excuses or blame others for our actions. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23).

Recognize that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you.

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God..." (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus paid the price for your sin. The apostle Paul said, *"...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* (Galatians 2:20).

Repent of your sins.

The word "repent" means "to change your direction." The Bible tells us, *"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."* (Acts 3:19). God commands us to repent. You must be willing to turn away from the things that displease God.

Accept Jesus as your Savior.

Jesus said, *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28). It is essential to come to Jesus just as you are. Don't try to "clean up your life" before you come to God. Instead, receive Him and allow Him to do the "cleansing." Jesus said, *"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, And the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."* (John 6:37).

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