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Have I Done Enough?

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A Widow's Mite

I tend to be a news hound, especially when it comes to politics. A couple of weeks ago I watched the Glenn Beck show where he talked about an event he will be hosting this Saturday in DC. He also mentioned a charity for which he encourages donations. That morning he found on his desk a check for \$25,000, the donor wishing to remain anonymous. Beck was genuinely moved by that generosity. He also found a used baggie with 8 pennies and a note stating the person wanted to come to the event but just couldn't afford it, but wanted to help...thus the gift of 8 pennies.



With tears in his eyes Beck said, "I'm going to keep these pennies (I've replaced the 8 cents) in my pocket for a long time to remind me: have I done enough? can I do more?" As I watched my mind went to Mark 12:41-44, the story of the widow woman who put two copper coins into the offering box and Jesus remarked that all the rest had given out of their wealth, but she had given out of her poverty, out of what she had to live on.

What I Get or What I Give?

Think about that for a moment, if you will. How often are we so concerned with "Am I getting what I need, what I think I deserve, what I must have?" and on and on. Yes, we are living in a very difficult time in history, yet do we need to ask ourselves, "Have I done enough? Can I do more?" It doesn't have to be money, or material goods, but it does have to be a willingness to sacrifice in the name of Him who sacrificed His life in order for us to gain eternal life (Heb 9:14; 2Cor 5:15).

No matter what has befallen you, no matter how much pain you are in, remember the widow woman who gave to God all she had to live on with no regrets. And then remember Him Who gave His all for you with no expectation of anything in return. Have you done enough; can you do more?

Have I done enough? Can I do more?

For dads who must travel for work, maybe one less trip to give a few more days to your kids? For moms who want the very best for her babies, perhaps a little less stuff and a lot more focus. Have you done enough, or can you do more? Your marriage has fallen apart, you just lost your job, a loved one has gone to be with the Lord and you are devastated. Ask yourself, "Am I doing enough, or can I do more?"

May I tell you a story? Emma was doing ok after her divorce, even with two teen-agers. She had a good paying job and her ex was very good about child support. Then Emma's company was sold and she had to find another job; she did, but for a lot less pay. Then Tom was laid off so support money became very tight.

Emma was on her way to lunch with \$5 in her pocket, all she had for two days until payday. She passed a card shop and remembered her best friend whose mom had died suddenly. Emma meant to write her devastated friend a note, but just couldn't seem to find the time. "Maybe a nice card," she thought. She found just the right one. Turned it over to check the price, and between the cost of the card and the stamp it would come to \$3. That would be all of today's lunch and part of tomorrows. "Jody needs to hear from me more than I need one more lunch."

A few days later her cell phone rang, her friend thanking her for the card. It had come just when she needed it the most. As Emma hung up, a little tear of joy rolled down her cheek as she thanked Jesus for reminding her she could always do a little more.

His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord." (Mt 25:21)

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