

“At The Heart of Giving: SACRIFICE”
Luke 21:1-4

SACRIFICE → “the giving of something at great cost”

Bible Stories

- Genesis 22 - Abraham asked to “sacrifice” Isaac
- 1 Chronicles 21 - David refused to “sacrifice” a donated offering
- Matthew 14 - A boy gives up his lunch so Jesus can feed a multitude
- 1 Peter 2:24 - Jesus gave up His life as a sacrifice

Life Stories

- Personal sacrifice of life to save the lives of others in war or other crisis times
- Missionary biographies
 - Jim Elliot – murdered by Auca Indians
 - David Livingstone – pioneer missionary doctor in Africa
 - 20th Century – martyrs

The common thread in “sacrifice stories” is willingness to “give” something that is costly.

THE WIDOW’S OFFERING – Luke 21:1-4

4 lessons to be learned

1. **Giving is assumed (1,2)**
 - A public act in support of temple life
2. **The amount is not specified (1,2)**
 - Not equal gift but equal sacrifice
3. **The proportion is significant (3)**
 - “All” of little is more than “some” of much
4. **The motive matters (4)**
 - Obligation or to be seen vs. gratitude and faith

THE HEART OF GIVING IS

**Gratitude, Compassion, Faith and SACRIFICE...
of Time, Talent and Treasure.**

WE MUST ASK...

Since Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for me...
What am I willing to “sacrifice” so that the Gospel can
spread throughout Mississauga, the GTA and around
the world?