

Tip the Driver?

March 2 & 3, 2013

Mark 12:41-44

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44 NIV)

Consider & Discuss

- 1. Why do you think some people respond negatively when pastors talk about giving?
- 2. How would you define rich and poor?
- 3. If God doesn't need our money, why do you think He wants us to give?
- 4. What do you think are the strongest arguments for and against tithing (giving 10% of our income)?
- 5. What is your reaction to the idea that giving should not focus on the amount we give but on the state of our heart when we give?
- 6. Read Mark 12:41-44. How would you summarize the main point of this passage?
- 7. Which do you think is easier, to give more or to have more of a heart for giving? Why?
- 8. How would you explain the relationship between giving and trusting God?

Live It

- 1. Sign up for The Road Daily Email.
- 2. If you are not already giving regularly, prayerfully consider doing so.
- 3. If you are giving regularly, but you aren't giving a percentage of your income, ask God whether He would have you give a percentage on a regular basis.
- 4. If you are already giving a percentage of your income, ask God if He wants you to increase that percentage.