



FCA Elementary Cheerfulness

This is the day the
Lord has made; Let
us rejoice and be
glad in it. Psalm
118:24

Bible Story--Mark 12:41-44

Jesus and His disciples were sitting outside of a church. They could see people bringing in their money to the church. The Bible tells us to give a tithe which is ten percent of our income. (tithe means a tenth). This money is used to help the church or religious organizations to teach others about God.

There were many rich people coming into the church. They gave their 10 percent. Some were showy and wanted others to know they gave their money. Others gave quietly.

A widow came in. A widow is someone who does not have a wife or husband due to death. She did not have a lot of money. She was poor. When she gave her money, she gave it quietly. She gave all she could afford and for her, it was a lot of money. She gave this money with a cheerful heart and did not complain.

Jesus told His disciples the rich gave money but they also kept a lot of money for themselves. The widow gave all she had to the church and she did it cheerfully.

God does not care about the amount of money we give. God cares about our heart and if we give our money out of love. God wants us to give cheerfully and to give because we love Him. (ministry-to-children.com)

Do you think it is better to live happily or to act grumpy? How we respond tells a lot about our heart. Jesus loves us and provides all we need. When we live a life to please Jesus and show Him thankfulness for all he does for us, we live a cheerful life.

God tells us through His commandments we should have an attitude of kindness and compassion. When we live with this, we live a cheerful life.

Definitions

Webster's definition of cheerfulness: a mood characterized by high spirits.

Biblical definition of cheerfulness. Life animation, good spirits, a state of moderate joy. (studylight.org)

Discussion Questions

1. How much does the Bible say we are to give to the church?
2. Did the widow complain about giving money?
3. Was it better for the rich to give or the poor to give?



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Bible Story Video

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