

RockPointe Church Sermon Notes
Recalculating my Generosity by Gene Appel
Father's Day I Sunday, June 15, 2025
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Mark 12:41-44 Jesus' final hours of his life and ministry.. He enters the temple courts and begins teaching in the Temple Treasury.

Jesus watched with a discerning eye as people as put Gold (\$500), Silver (Denarius/1 day wage), and Bronze Coins into the offering box.

Jesus knew the amount people are giving and the actual amounts of everyone's income, and what percent of their income they are giving.

God measures generosity based on a percentage not an amount.

- 1) Spend It (ME)
- 2) Pay Debt (ME)
- 3) Pay Taxes (WE/AMERICA)
- 4) Save It (ME)
- 5) Give it (GOD)

Proverbs 3:9-10

Deuteronomy 14:23

Luke 12:48 Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required from Him to whom they entrusted much.

Application question – Am I robbing God?

Malachi 3:8

Haggai 2:8

Psalm 24:1

Sermon Discussion Questions
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Icebreaker

What was the best gift you ever received as a child? What was that like?

OR

What is the most generous act of kindness you have ever received?

1. What is one thing you learned from this passage or sermon?
2. In Mark 12: 41-42, what does Jesus observe at the temple treasury?
3. According to Jesus in verse 43, who gave more?
4. According to verse 44, what's the reasoning behind Jesus' surprising calculation? How would you summarize Jesus' teaching here in your own words?
5. Why do you think Mark might have included these few verses in his Gospel record of Jesus' life? What do you learn about the character of God from this passage?
6. Are there areas where you tend to confuse want with actual needs? How have you come to manage that as you have grown in your faith journey? Luke 12:48
7. Consider a recent financial decision you made; did you pause and prayerfully consider or consult anyone first?
8. How might "honoring the Lord" by seeking Godly counsel & getting a second opinion prior to large purchases or impulse buys, change your spending habits over the long term? (Proverbs 3:9)
9. Why do you think it can be difficult for us to remember the truth of Psalm 24:1, that God owns everything including our money?
10. What is one way that we can be better stewards of all the resources we have in our small group?

For further application

1. Consider starting a budget or taking an upcoming Financial Hope class here at RPC or in the area. Find a detailed list of free budgeting tools and financial helps here [Tools and Resources - Ramsey](#)
2. Look back on your financial records for the past twelve months. Write down the following:

income for the year

amount given away and where it was given

amount spent on possessions

Bring these figures before the Lord. Ask Him if your giving reflects building your kingdom or His? Are there any areas that might need to change in the distribution of your income. Write down any changes that you sense you hear from Him. Thank Him for the privilege of giving and the joy of living by eternal kingdom values.

3. Consider your current spending habits and patterns. What would it look like to choose contentment this semester? What are some ways you can buy less and give more to help spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the parts of the world that haven't yet heard?