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- 1) God notices people who are not great in the eyes of the world.** This widow was not a famous celebrity. She was an impoverished commoner, very poor and very needy, and largely unnoticed. Yet she captured God's attention.
- 2) God sees what we do, especially the little things.** Two little coins were placed into an offering container, by a woman not trying to draw attention to herself. Life is made up *mostly* of little deeds and actions, not spectacular acts. Many things we do are not even witnessed by other people, but God sees everything and records everything (compare Malachi 3:16; Rev. 20:12). May this encourage us to be faithful in that which is least (Luke 16:10).
- 3) God's evaluation of our deeds does not line up with man's judgment or calculations.** The widow's offering had little monetary value, and was nothing compared to what others were contributing. But in God's eyes, her contribution was of huge value and more than all others. God's thoughts are not our thoughts, and He sees not as a man sees. God looks on the heart.
- 4) God is looking for wholehearted devotion.** She gave the Lord all that she had (1 Chron. 28:9), and the Lord was delighted by her heartfelt offering. May we first and foremost give our own selves to the One who gave His all for us (2 Cor. 8:5; 5:15).
- 5) God rewards His servants bountifully.** Wherever the Gospel records have been read these many centuries, millions of people have been blessed by the account of this devoted woman. How rich she must be now!

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