

ROBBER #4: COMPARISON Luke 21:1-4

Big Idea: *Comparison robs generosity by measuring giving in size rather than surrender.*

Luke 21:1-4 “And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. ² And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins. ³ And He said, ‘Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them; ⁴ for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on.’”

1. Comparison turns generosity into a _____
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¹ “And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. ² And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins.”

Luke 6:38 “Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

Matthew 6:19-21 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:3-4 “But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”

2. Comparison gets generosity backwards—it measures _____
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³ And He said, ‘Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all *of them*; ⁴ for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on.’”

2 Samuel 24:24 “However, the king said to Araunah, ‘No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing.’ So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.”

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 “Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, ² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.”

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