

**Series: Lessons from His Life**  
**Message: The Significance of Stewardship**  
**Text: Mark 12:13-17 & 41-44 (AM 4/20/08)**

Every believer will give an account for the stewardship of their life. Even a casual reading of the Gospels reveals that much of Jesus' teachings dealt with stewardship. When stewardship is mentioned our first thought is of money. While giving begins with our *assets*, it includes our *abilities* and *availability*. Through an encounter with the religious leaders and an observation of a widow Jesus teaches us the *significance of stewardship* in the life of a believer.

**I. Through Stewardship We Participate in Worship. (41-44)**

*Our giving is a function of genuine worship.*

- Our giving should be sacrificial – “She...*put in all she had*” (44)
- Our giving will be substantial – “She...*(gave) out of her poverty*” (44)
- Our giving will be significant – “*Then one poor widow came...*” (42)

**II. Through Stewardship We Promote His Work. (17)**

*Our giving funds the ministry of His Church.*

- Our giving provides a *place* for worship
- Our giving provides a *process* for His work
- Our giving provides a *platform* for winning

**III. Through Stewardship We Prioritize Our Walk. (13-17)**

*Our giving facilitates proper priorities in our lives.*

- Our attitude in giving – “*Whose image...is this?*” (16) 2 Cor. 9:7
- Our amount to give – “*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse...*” Mal 3:10
- Our abundance through giving – “*Having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work*” 2 Cor. 9:8
  - *Stewardship aligns our life around the purposes of God*

**Application to our life:** What has Jesus taught you about stewardship? Is your life *aligned* around the purposes of God? You will never have enough until *He is enough!* Embrace biblical stewardship so you can *participate in worship; promote His work and prioritize your walk.*