

## MONEY

*Give It Away – Luke 20:45-21:4*

## Discussion Points

*January 28, 2018*

### Read & Reflect

1. Read Luke 20:45-21:4. List as many things as you can that Jesus might be criticizing, judging, or even condemning in these few verses (i.e. what things does he speak against either directly or by implication). In these verses, what is Jesus advocating for?
2. If you are interested, read or skim from Luke 19:45 – 21:38, paying particular attention to any reference to the temple and temple authorities. Essentially, Luke is presenting Jesus as the new temple. What does that mean for how we value our religious systems and practices? (e.g. how we do church, what we've come to expect of the church, etc.).

### Explore

3. Have you ever been humbled by the better behaviour of someone you thought was less than you? Or, if not, can you imagine what that might be like? How do (or might) you react in such a situation:

- Defend your impressive action, nevertheless
- Shame the other ("lesser") person to keep the spotlight off of you
- Run for cover in shame
- Get angry at Jesus for misjudging your motives
- Examine yourself and try to gain some humility

4. How do you tend to think of the financial donations you make?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> It reflects my devotion to God                        | <input type="checkbox"/> It's an obligation I have |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It's an exchange of "goods"                           | <input type="checkbox"/> It's an exercise in trust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It's an offering of love                              | <input type="checkbox"/> It's an investment        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It makes me proud – or thankful - how much I can give | <input type="checkbox"/> Other. . .                |

5. What might be the difference between a collection in the worship service and an offering in the worship service?

### Pray:

- Share what might be your biggest hang ups about giving money away. Pray about them.
- Pray for humility, integrity, and an honest heart of worship in your giving.